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People power drives growth of a community bus service

By Eva Astreinidou

A VALUED community bus service that runs on 'people power' is set to launch a new route.

The West Oxfordshire Community Transport scheme started out with just one bus and one driver only a year ago.

But due to its success a fourth bus will launch, the 210 service, on February 20.

The new route will travel between Witney and Chipping Norton, restoring a much missed link connecting the Wychwoods.

Stagecoach previously operated bus services in the area until Oxfordshire County Council stopped subsidising them and the service is now run by a team of volunteers.

County councillor Laura Price said: "We're all thrilled – just over a year ago Witney residents were facing losing a much-valued service.

"We know that other parts of the county are struggling with disappearing bus routes and we want to do everything we can to highlight how important it is to sustain public transport that works for people, not profit."

Currently the service is used by more than 750 people every week.

Since the scheme began, West Oxfordshire District Council has actively engaged with the community transport association to tell government about the unique role non-profit

bus services play in people's lives.

Cllr Price added: "Think how much chatting, shopping and socialising would be missed out on if those journeys weren't being made.

"No one should be left cut off and isolated in our communities – I love the idea that our services are 'powered by people'."

In November last year, there were fears the scheme would be stalled after the Department for Transport announced it would change the way permits for community transport schemes would be issued, changing to a more costly alternative.

Margaret Burden, chair of the scheme, said the group was able to keep going after the Traffic Commissioner deemed the scheme could still operate as a not-for-profit charitable society.

She added: "Our current services – 213/214/215 Witney Town Service – have weekly passenger numbers of well over 750 and rising.

"Since we started operating the service on January 30 2017 our buses have provided 31,463 passenger journeys. We are really proud of that achievement."

It was initially funded by the county council and grants from WODC and Witney Town Council as well as private donations and on going costs are covered largely by fares and an annual grant from the town council.



Thomas Wilby of St Peters School, Cassington with, from left, Dion Hickin, president of Witney Rotary, Carole MacRae and Cllr Norman MacRae

Safer cyclists

EIGHT lucky primary school pupils are the proud owners of new bikes after winning a competition.

They were selected from scores of entries from youngsters at 23 primary schools across west Oxfordshire who designed posters highlighting road safety for cyclists.

Cllr Norman MacRae, chairman of the district council, organised the competition.

He said: "The standard of entries was really high and it is encouraging to see so many young people becoming aware of the importance of road safety.

"It was also a fantastic surprise for the winners and I loved seeing how delighted they were to be given a new bike."

As well as receiving a new bike, each of the eight children also had a helmet and bike lights.

Pictured is one of the winners, Thomas Wilby of St Peter's School in Cassington.

The other winners are Bethany Sparrowhawk (Aston & Cote School), Jacob Peate (Gateway, Carterton), Evie Maunder (Holy Trinity, Chipping Norton), Ella Merry (Leafield), George Belcher (Middle Barton), Millie Walker (North Leigh) and Eloise Harkness (Wychwood).

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Tackling burglaries and drugs are main priorities for police

By Owen Hughes

POLICE are targetting a crackdown on burglaries and "the gig economy for drugs" in Oxfordshire as their priorities this year.

Local Police Area Commanders from Thames Valley Police have allocated resources to prioritise residential burglaries, drug peddling and child exploitation in the county.

Police forces and councils in London and Birmingham will work with Thames Valley Police to track children as young as 12 who are caught up in organised drug rings.

LPA Commander for South and Vale, Rory Freeman, said burglaries are "what keep us awake at night", but not all break-ins are by people looking to steal personal belongings.

A modern method of drug dealing known as 'going country' means dealers are breaking into empty homes in rural areas using them as a base to sell narcotics from before moving on days later.

Superintendent Joe Kidman from Oxford LPA said: "Twenty years ago a drug dealer would hang about in one place waiting for people to approach them.

"The modern approach to drug dealing is via phone lines that are known to a large number of users.

"I would characterise it as similar to a gig economy for drugs.

"It allows the opportunity for more

people to get involved and to recruit easily because that process allows people to take on discreet roles within it."

Thames Valley Police have arrested 89 people, seized £31,000 worth of drugs, and criminals have been sentenced to a total of 26 years in prison for drug related offences since April last year.

Supt Freeman said: "Sitting beneath those hard facts is that they have safeguarded adults who have had their homes taken over on 31 occasions."

He added that a total of 27 children "often from broken homes" have also been safeguarded as a result of police intervention.

Addressing burglaries, Supt Kidman said: "Neighbours have been really

important in reporting suspicious incidents.

"Good neighbours beat burglars is my very simple message."

Residents are urged to sign up for TVP alerts, ensure windows and doors are locked, and make empty homes look occupied by leaving lights on or asking neighbours if they could park their car on your driveway.



Nikky Dumbleton oversees the emergency call handlers and radio operators in the control room at Abingdon

18,000 pocket dials to emergency centre

LOST parrots and stranded cats are just some of the hundreds of thousands of issues that emergency call handlers in Abingdon have to deal with.

Staff at Abingdon Police Station's control room received 304,000 calls to the emergency 999 number in 2017, a 12% increase on the previous year.

Nikky Dumbleton, operations manager, said: "We're working on how to reduce that demand by better

signposting the public to the right locations for their calls.

"When you speak to most of our staff, it's a dynamic job, there's lots of variety. These guys will regularly go above and beyond what we'd expect them to do."

There were 8,000 calls reporting abandoned vehicles and more than 15,000 calls about parking issues, both of which are the responsibility of local councils along with noise nuisance complaints.

More than 18,000 calls were 'butt dials' from people who forgot to lock their phone before putting it in their pocket or bag.

Handlers can be occupied for up to five minutes at a time as they try to call their phantom callers back, or track down alternative numbers to reach the caller, to make sure they are safe.

Non-emergency calls can be reported to 101 or online at reportonline.thamesvalley.police.uk.

Help find missing 16-year-old girl

POLICE are appealing to the public for help finding a teenager from Bicester who has been missing for nearly three weeks.

Linda Finau, 16, pictured, from Ambrosden, has been missing since Friday January 5.

Roselyn Roqara, Linda's mother, issued a direct appeal to her daughter through a Thames Valley Police statement.

She said: "Hi Lewa, please, wherever you are, come home. "We love and miss you."

A CCTV image, captured on Saturday January 13 between 9.15am and midday, shows Linda carrying a large pink bag in a McDonalds restaurant in Queen Street, Nuneaton in Warwickshire. It is believed she caught a train



to London from Nuneaton later that day.

The teenager also has connections to Banbury, Coventry and Hartshill in Warwickshire.

Linda is described as 5ft 7ins tall, slim, has long blonde hair with dark brown/black roots and is British/Fijian.

PC Sally Yates, based at Banbury, said: "I would like to speak to anyone who has seen or had any contact with Linda.

"We are concerned for her welfare due to her age and the length of time she has been missing.

"I would like to directly appeal to Linda if you see this appeal please contact police immediately so that we can check you are safe and well."

Anyone with information should call the Thames Valley Police enquiry centre on 101 quoting reference 43180011872.



2nd Public Exhibition Neighbourhood Centre and Community Building

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The exhibition will present the outcomes of the October 2017 consultation and show how these have shaped the proposals for the Neighbourhood Centre and Community Building, ahead of the Development Brief being submitted to the Council.

The project team will be on hand to answer any questions.

Help activate Madley Park

CAMPAIGNERS raising money for new play areas in Witney are asking residents to help with a much-needed cash boost.

Members of the Activate:Madley Park project are asking for people's votes to have a chance at bagging up to £4,000 through a token scheme in Tesco stores.

Shoppers can now vote for one of three projects in the Bags of Help initiative in the four Witney Tesco stores, the A40 Express store and two stores in Kidlington, from now until the end of February.

This is to help the group raise more than £100,000 so work on two new fun and inclusive play areas on Madley Park can begin later this year.

Katherine Quigley, Madley Park resident and fundraising volunteer

said: "This is a quick and easy way for the people of Witney to get involved in raising funds for our project. Just ask for a blue token as you check out at any local Tesco store and vote for Madley Park Residents' Association. If we were lucky enough to get the top award it would provide a fantastic boost to our fundraising efforts."

The project will feature a play area for under 12s and will replace the outdated Cedar Drive Park.

The project will also create a new area on the playing fields dedicated to older children.

To donate, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yadgtvqa>.

Residents and politicians launched the appeal for a new Witney play area in October last year



InBrief

Post office robbery

STAFF at a village post office were threatened with a knife during a robbery.

The robbery happened at the Minster Lovell Post Office between 9am and 9.30am on Friday.

County councillor Liam Walker, who represents the area, said that he had spoken with the owner and confirmed no one had been hurt and that a 'sum of money' was stolen.

He added the incident was "shocking and not something that usually happens in our area".

Police are appealing for help tracing a man aged between 18 and 25 who may have information about the crime.

He was seen wearing a blue parka jacket with fur around the hood at the bus stop on Brize Norton Road before the robbery.

Contact police with information at 101, quoting reference 319 19/01/18

Arrests over deaths

THREE men have been arrested on suspicion of murder of two elderly residents, one who is understood to be a former Bicester head teacher.

It comes after the deaths, 18 months apart, of two Maids Moreton residents, Peter Farquhar, 69, who died on October 26, 2015, and Ann Moore-Martin, 83, who died on May 12 last year.

It is understood Ms Moore-Martin is a former head teacher at St Mary's School.

A 22-year-old man from Milton Keynes has since been released under investigation; a 27-year-old man from Towcester, and a 31-year-old man from Cornwall, have been released on bail until February 13.

Share views on canalside plan

By Samantha McGregor

GOT an opinion about the future redevelopment of Banbury's canalside? Now's your chance to have your say.

Cherwell District Council has launched a consultation to help shape how the area can be regenerated.

People are being asked to complete a survey and the results will be used as a basis for the forthcoming Banbury Canalside Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

The document will help guide how canalside should be redeveloped alongside Cherwell's Local Plan and the Banbury Vision and Masterplan.

The survey focuses on land between the railway station and the town centre and asks people to have their say on public green spaces, housing, biodiversity and new bridges over the river and canal.

There are also questions about the type of businesses that should be included at the site, such as shops, cafes, bars and nightclubs, as well as whether the railway station should be rebuilt.

Cllr Colin Clarke, Cherwell's lead member for planning, said: "Across Banbury we are making progress on our long-term aspirations for the regeneration and development of key sites.

"It's essential that as changes to the canalside area come forward, they reflect a joined-up approach that provides for the needs of residents, businesses and visitors alike.

"That's why it's so important to listen to what people have to say about proposals for the site and to get this Supplementary Planning Document adopted for use in the planning process.

"There are many exciting changes expected on the canalside site, but there are still lots of important decisions to be made about how these are brought forward.

"The consultation is an excellent opportunity for landowners and

businesses on the site to have their say."

Last year, the council bought the former Antelope car dealership site, opposite Morrisons supermarket in Swan Close Road, for £2.15m.

Cherwell said its longer-term plan for the canalside is to redevelop it for homes, commercial and retail units.

The current consultation runs until Wednesday, 28 February. Once the planning document has been produced, which is expected later this year, a further public consultation will take place.

To take part in the survey go to surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CanalsidePublicConsultation

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£2,300 fine for cigarettes sold to boy aged 17

A KIDLINGTON shop has been fined thousands of pounds for selling cigarettes to a minor just months after being caught red handed selling lager to an underage teenager.

Owner Soran Salih, 33, and manager Erfan Gharib, 34, who run Wisla Supermarket in The Parade, pleaded guilty at Oxford Magistrates' Court on Tuesday to selling cigarettes to the 17-year-old.

The pair were fined a total of £2,385 for selling a packet of Berkley Blue to the underage buyer during an Oxfordshire County Council Trading Standards sting on April 10.

The teen buying the cigarettes asked for "the cheapest" and did not have to provide proof of their age during the transaction.

Mr Gharib received advice from Trading Standards on selling age-restricted items just five days earlier.

In February 2017, staff at the shop were caught out selling cans of Budweiser to a 15-year-old boy.

Councillor Judith Heathcoat, Cabinet Member for Trading Standards said: "Retailers have an important role to play in helping to stop the next generation of smokers from starting in the first place.

"Most take their responsibilities very seriously. We will not tolerate any retailers selling cigarettes or other age-restricted products to children."

Record number of visitors scramble to see cars



Picture: Amy Shore Photography

A RECORD-breaking number of people turned out for the first Sunday Scramble of the year.

Bicester Heritage said hundreds of classic car enthusiasts passed through the gates in Buckingham Road, Bicester, making it the most popular January Scramble ever.

Among the spread of vintage, modern and modern classic cars at the former RAF Bomber Command training base were everything from original Austin 7s to the latest Ferrari 812 Superfast.

More than 1,000 cars lined up

across the 348-acre former base, which dates back to the First World War and includes all the original buildings and workshops – many of which have been restored.

Bicester Heritage, a business centre for classic car and aviation firms, was founded in 2013 and is home to 30 specialist businesses.

New firm Sports Purpose drew huge crowds on the day with a display that included the Leyton House CG901B.

The car was produced for the 1990 Formula One World

Championship and built in nearby Telford Road.

While at Historit, the on-site car storage company's workshop, the 1979 Williams FW07 Alan Jones Formula One was on show and "performed ear-splitting start-ups".

And the new, onsite micro-brewery, The Wiggly Monkey Brewery, served up its first prototype beer 'Sanction A' to the Scramble crowds.

For more information about the open days view bicesterheritage.co.uk/events

InBrief

Sponsor a seat

PEOPLE are being urged to get behind an initiative to replace the aged seating at Chipping Norton Theatre.

People can sponsor a new seat for £250 and have their name inscribed on a plaque with a short quote from a stage play or film of your choice.

Local celebrities including Sir Patrick Stewart, Sir Ben Kingsley and Alexander Armstrong, have already signed up.

For more information call the box office on 01608 642350.

Waitrose to open

SUPERMARKET Waitrose is set to open the doors to its new Banbury store today.

Waitrose started work at the 1.44 hectare site, on surplus land next to the Jacobs Douwe Egberts factory in Southam Road, last March.

The store has a 27,500sq ft shop floor area and 220 car parking spaces and has created 140 jobs.

Garden waste bins

LETTERS are being sent to all homes in west Oxfordshire encouraging them to sign up for this year's garden waste collection service which runs from April 1 until March 31, 2019 and costs £30 per bin a year for fortnightly wheeled-bin collection.

Sign up by visiting westoxon.gov.uk/garden before February 28.

Funding to help sports stars reach their goals

By George Welch

TALENTED sportsmen and women from west Oxfordshire are being invited to apply for a share of a grant funding pot to help young sporting stars realise their dreams.

The 2018 West Oxfordshire Sports Awards have been launched and nominations are being sought for the best coaches, clubs and unsung heroes in the district.

The awards are run by the council and GLL Sport Foundation, which also gives gifted local athletes the chance to apply for funding to help with costs such as training.

Grants of £50 to £1,250 can be applied for by athletes participating at county level or above and successful applicants will also receive free access to council-owned leisure facilities to aid training.

Last year, 39 individuals and organisations were honoured for their achievements, including Oxford United and England Under-17 football international Lucy Thomas.

Lucy, 16, from Standlake, said: "The award is a great boost to my confidence and assists with some of the considerable costs that my family encounters around my sporting life – subscriptions,



From left, Peter Bunday, chairman of the GLL Sport Foundation, swimmer Billy Wotton who received a grant last year and Councillor Jeanette Baker

travel, boots and equipment.

"Membership of my local gym also provides me with the opportunity to further develop my strength and conditioning at times which more easily fit around my school work and training/playing commitments."

Grants have also helped the development of national 50m and 100m breaststroke swimming champion Callum Smart, also 16, from Charlbury.

The cash assisted the Olympic hopeful in paying for kit and expenses.

Cabinet member for leisure

and health at WODC, Councillor Jeanette Baker said she is 'continually amazed' by the 'inspirational' sporting talent in the district.

She said: "These clubs and individuals deserve as much recognition as possible and I am delighted we can play a part in that through the awards."

The categories are: sports coach of the year, sports club of the year and unsung hero.

For application forms, which must be submitted before February 20, go to www.gllsportfoundation.org/application-form

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Fitness fans bag a work out at Westgate

FITNESS fanatics rubbed arms and legs with shoppers at the weekend when fitness classes popped up at the Westgate.

A pop-up tent set up in the middle of the centre invited

fitness aficionados and those wanting to challenge themselves in the new year, to join in a variety of classes.

Participants tried out groove aerobics, yoga and a boot camp

class, but also enjoyed some respite with free massages and beauty treatments.

The pop-up was a taster event before the big FitFest event in Oxford on April 21.

Disappointment at court closure plan

By Samantha McGregor

OPPOSITION is mounting after plans to close Banbury Magistrates' and County Court were unveiled.

The Ministry of Justice has launched a 10-week consultation over proposals to close courts in Banbury and Maidenhead.

It says work from both courts can be relocated to other sites "within a reasonable travelling distance".

It comes after Bicester Magistrates' Court and 85 other courts closed in 2017 as part of wide-sweeping reforms to improve efficiency and save money.

There are currently magistrates' courts in Banbury, High Wycombe, Maidenhead, Milton Keynes, Oxford, Reading and Slough.

An MoJ report said the courts

were under-used and there was "sufficient capacity" at courts in Oxford – about 30-miles away – to deal with cases currently heard in Banbury.

Figures showed both Banbury courts sat for 2,211 hours out of a possible 3,810 available hours in 2016/17, while in the same period Oxford Magistrates' Court sat for 5,411 hours out of a possible 6,595 available hours; and Oxford Combined Court sat for 8,747 hours out of a possible 14,615 available hours.

The report also said it costs £180,000 to run Banbury court, but the building needed work done to bring it to the "required standard".

If approved, both buildings would be sold and proceeds reinvested into the court system, the report said.

Sean Woodcock, Banbury Labour group leader, said: "I am

very worried and disappointed by these proposals which I will be opposing strongly.

"My experience of the courts in Oxford is that they themselves are already overstretched.

"I am not convinced that there is the capacity there to deal with the extra work caused by closing the courts in Banbury."

Banbury Town Council leader Kieron Mallon said: "Personally, I am against losing such facilities in a town the size of Banbury – 45,000 population and growing rapidly."

In a statement Cherwell District Council said the proposal "flies in the face" of its plans for the district's growth.

"Increasing the pressure on Oxford Magistrates' Court will incur further costs and delays to those seeking justice and we question whether that court has the capacity to deal with the proposed changes."

Help to settle in for asylum-seeking children

A BOOST of £335,000 will help support asylum-seeking children who are living in Oxfordshire unaccompanied.

The county council has been awarded a government grant as part of a wider national funding programme of £29million.

The money will not cover the cost of care placements themselves, but will go towards helping unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASCs) adjust

to living in the country and integrate with communities.

The council's cabinet member for children and families Steve Harrod said: "Like many other parts of the country, Oxfordshire has seen a rise in the number of UASCs arriving in the last couple of years. It's vital that we can continue to ensure we are responding effectively to this challenge, and are able to provide the support these vulnerable

young people need to thrive."

The council currently looks after 52 UASCs, who have predominantly travelled from Afghanistan, Albania and Eritrea.

The money will help pay for training of professionals who work across services with children, to improve understanding of the needs of the asylum-seekers, and to help support schools and colleges for successful transition into education.

Dialysis unit re-opens at hospital after black alert

By Samantha McGregor

A TEMPORARY kidney dialysis ward has opened at Banbury's hospital after the unit was requisitioned to help cope with bed shortages in A&E.

The six-bed renal dialysis unit at the Horton General Hospital closed at the beginning of January to make way for a temporary ward after Oxfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust raised its status to 'black alert' due to extreme pressures on A&E services.

More general hospital beds were needed across the county due to seasonally high attendance at A&E, bed blocking and an outbreak of flu.

Now, the former F ward at the Oxford Road hospital has been transformed into a temporary renal dialysis unit operating six days a week.

While the Banbury renal site was closed, dialysis patients from north Oxfordshire had to travel to Oxford or other areas for their treatment.

Oxfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust said it was "enormously grateful" to patients for their "understanding".

Temporary facilities and equipment are now in place and patients were able to return last week.

Allie Thornley, matron and clinical



Dialysis patients can be treated at the Horton again on the temporary unit

lead for renal medicine, said staff visited last Sunday to move medicines and ensure everything was ready for Monday morning.

She said: "It will be welcome news for our patients, who will once again have the convenience of dialysis closer to home."

"I would like to thank the estates team at the Horton for their help and am grateful for the flexibility of the dialysis nurses from both Oxford and the network units, many of whom have contributed by working additional

shifts or travelling to other units - without them this could not have happened."

The move was supported on social networking site Facebook, Sandra Bessford said "not before time" while Julie Stephenson called it "brilliant news".

The dialysis centre opened at the hospital in 2012 after pressure from Banbury resident Miranda Berry, who highlighted the problems her husband Steven faced travelling to Oxford three times a week for dialysis.



Cosmetics and clothing at vegan fair

MORE than 1,200 people flocked to a market packed with stalls selling vegan goodies.

The Oxford vegan market was held at Town Hall over the weekend, with vegans and curious

visitors trying out food, as well as luxury cosmetics and ethical clothing.

The first 100 people through the door were also lucky enough to receive a free vegan goodie bag.

Warning after suspicious man seen

STUDENTS have been warned to be alert after a suspicious man approached a girl walking to college.

The incident happened at Abingdon and Witney College's Witney campus last Wednesday.

The man is described as just over five foot tall, chubby, with dark hair

and he was smoking a cigarette. He also was possibly wearing a leather jacket.

The incident happened between 8am and 8.30am.

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News



From left, Trina Hovard, David Newman, Di Batchelor, Kirsty Newman and Sian Cound

Kirsty's in The House (of Commons)

IT'S not every day you are invited to the House of Commons for a special awards night.

But that's exactly what happened to 18-year-old Kirsty Newman from Chipping Norton, who was one of a group of students from across the country invited to attend the Association of Colleges (AoC) Gold Awards, which celebrate the achievements of college alumni.

The former Abingdon and Witney College student has been on quite a winning streak, after she was highly commended by the AoC and was previously nominated Student of the Year by her college.

Kirsty said: "It was a great pleasure to have the opportunity to celebrate the success that I've had with college."

"This process and achievement is something I may not have the opportunity to do again and I am so grateful to have experienced this."

Kirsty, who is now studying for a degree in primary education at Oxford Brookes University, was joined at the glitzy occasion by her father David, along with Abingdon & Witney College principal Di Batchelor.

Ms Batchelor said: "[Kirsty] is a shining example of how far you can go with passion and dedication for a career that you care about."

Day centres under threat as charity fights isolation

Six clubs to close at 'worrying and upsetting' time

By George Welch

ELDERLY day centres face a 'worrying and upsetting' future as crippling financial pressures continue to threaten service provision.

Age UK Oxfordshire is preparing to shut six of its remaining eight centres at the end of March, despite being awarded £125,000 from the county council in the latest round of grant funding this week.

The six clubs impacted are in Burford, Faringdon, Henley, Hinton Waldrist, Kidlington and Hollow Way in Oxford. Clubs in Holton and Nettlebed will continue to operate as usual.

The proposals will affect 95 older people who attend the six clubs.

Chief executive Penny Thewlis said she was aware it was a "worrying and upsetting" time for club members and staff.

She added: "The charity is making a commitment to work with every individual affected to identify alternative options for them to ensure that people do not lose the friendship and support they value."



Age UK Oxfordshire chief executive Penny Thewlis

"We take our responsibility to combat loneliness and isolation very seriously and we are determined that these changes will not undermine our efforts to address these issues, but will help us to reach more older people."

Age UK wanted to maintain its eight centres by increasing the number of older people attending each session – but this didn't happen, causing the potential six closures and a refocus on more 'local activities tailored to

the individual's needs and interests'.

This means the charity, which is consulting with staff and older people and their families about the proposals, is planning to focus more on running day classes, workshops, coffee mornings and lunch clubs.

A further four independent centres have closed since Oxfordshire County Council's permanent funding cuts of £3.14million in August.

The council has stressed that, of the 200 day centre services running last August, more than 190 will still be running this spring.

The authority awarded more than £400,000 in transition funding to 26 organisations on Tuesday.

Transition funding is money towards making services more self-sustainable.

"We take our responsibility to combat loneliness and isolation very seriously and we are determined that these changes will not undermine our efforts"

Penny Thewlis, Age UK

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Groups to receive £15k boost Families helped by investment in play centres

By Owen Hughes

YOUNG families in Oxfordshire could benefit from a £15,000 council investment in children's services over the next two years.

Among those set to receive a proportion of Oxfordshire County Council's £1million transition fund grant is Cholsey-based Happy Hub, which will receive £3,381 over two years.

The panel which approved the decision wrote that the bid "represented good value for money" and demonstrated "inclusivity".

The family centre already runs sessions six days a week and will use the investment to help fund an extra session for expectant and new parents in the Cholsey Meadows area.

Liz Lee, team leader at Happy Hub, said: "We specifically wanted to target new mums who have perhaps been working up until now and have

been a bit isolated, making that change from work to family life."

The majority of Happy Hub's funding comes via Cholsey Parish Council, who Liz said are "very active in supporting the whole of the community".

Thomas Gifford Trust in Charlbury and Sutton Courtenay Stay and Play Group were also awarded a share of the grants.

Ann White, a volunteer at the community-led Sutton Courtenay group, said the £939 it will receive over a two-year period will be spent on new equipment and reduce the fee for families using its weekly sessions.

The Stay and Play Group was founded by six parents in November last year after council cuts forced south Abingdon Children's Centre to stop serving the village in December 2016.

Thomas Gifford Trust initially applied for a grant of almost £13,000 but the council opted to give the service a reduced budget of £10,769



Children enjoying themselves at Sutton Courtney Stay and Play Group which has received just under £1,000 in funding

as it considered costs for room hire were "not justifiable".

The Charlbury Community Centre, built by the Trust in 2017, will host a number of activities focussed on parents and children under five years.

Banbury & District Community Bus Project's bid for funds were deferred until the next round of applications, while Oxford Baby Café's bid was declined as the council considered it "to be outside the remit of the grant criteria".

Road closed after burst water pipe

A STREET in Oxford city centre was closed after a mysterious hole appeared in the middle of the road.

Oxfordshire fire and rescue said they were contacted on Tuesday at about 8.30am regarding a hole on Broad Street near the Sheldonian.



Picture: Samantha van der Slott

The road was closed and an inspection carried out.

The incident was found to be a burst on an eight-inch water main but there was no impact on water supply to the area.

On Tuesday afternoon, a spokesperson for Thames Water said: "We will investigate if the burst pipe caused the ground to collapse or vice versa while we carry out the repair."

Thames Water added that the supply did have to be temporarily shut off in the evening but with minimal impact to customers.

They apologised for having to close Broad Street and expected to have the work finished by Wednesday afternoon as we went to press.



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News

Drug gang members jailed

By George Welch

MEMBERS of a drug gang operating between county lines, including in Oxfordshire, have been convicted after a major police crack down on serious organised crime.

Marlon Thompson, 22, was believed to be the linchpin of a drugs line called Gucci which moved drugs to and from the capital.

Police believe three others – Karim Oram, Rebecca Black and Ebenezer Fadehan – were drug runners working for Thompson.

Thompson, Oram, 20, and Fadehan, 22, are all from London while Black, 44, is from Medhurst Way in Oxford.

Black has pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply

cocaine and possession with intent to supply heroin and will be sentenced at a later date.

Thompson was sentenced to five years behind bars after pleading guilty to conspiracy to supply cocaine and conspiracy to supply heroin. He received five years for both offences, to run concurrently.

Oram pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply cocaine and was sentenced to three years and four months at Oxford Crown Court on January 15, the same day as Thompson.

The following day Fadehan was sentenced to 18 months suspended for 12 months, as well as carrying out 200 hours unpaid work, at the same court after pleading guilty to possession with intent to supply cocaine.

All four were arrested on January 24 last year after sweeping raids in Oxford, Abingdon and London, resulting in the arrests of 22 people.

The raids were carried out as part of Thames Valley Police's Stronghold campaign. Investigating officer, Detective Constable Darren Miles of TVP's Serious and Organised Crime Unit said: "I would hope that the sentences passed will be a deterrent to any persons involved or tempted to become involved in dealing drugs."

"Thames Valley Police is committed to tackling drugs particularly in relation to county drugs lines and our Stronghold campaign will continue to work in partnership in order to tackle those who see fit to deal drugs in our communities."



Marlon Thompson



Karim Oram

Investigation into death of kites and buzzard in village

A POLICE investigation has been launched after five red kites, a raven and a buzzard were found dead in a south Oxfordshire village.

A family discovered the birds in September near the village of Pyrton, on the edge of the Chilterns, and reported them to the RSPB.

All the birds were recovered and X-rayed by a vet. The X-rays revealed no signs of shot.

However, the birds have been sent off for toxicology testing by Natural England as part of the Wildlife Incident Investigation Scheme (WIIS), to test for poisoning.

All birds of prey and ravens are protected by UK law, making it illegal to kill or harm them. Those found to have done so could face six months in jail or an unlimited fine.

Thames Valley Police, Natural England and RSPB are working together on a joint investigation and are appealing for information. Call police on 101 if you can help.

With their six-foot wingspan, red kites are Britain's third-largest bird of prey and feed mainly on carrion.

If you find a wild bird which you suspect has been illegally killed, contact RSPB Investigations on 01767 680551, email crime@rspb.org.uk or fill in the online form: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/our-work/our-positions-and-campaigns/positions/wildbirdslaw/reportform.aspx>

Evacuation after propane leak

HOUSES were evacuated as a huge tank of propane gas started leaking after two tree trunks smashed into it.

Fire and rescue teams also had to close a busy main road during rush hour following a report of gas leaking from a storage vessel at a property outside Bicester on Thursday last week.

Crews attending found two large tree trunks that had fallen in the high winds, coming to rest partially on top of a domestic gas storage vessel and partially on top of an external property. Damage to the valve assembly on the

top of the vessel was causing the gas to leak.

Crews put up a safety cordon and a small number of residents were asked to evacuate in case there was any source of ignition.

Specialist heavy lifting equipment was used to raise the main trunk allowing engineers to stem the gas leak and crews to limit the risk to the surrounding roads.

The damaged storage vessel was then safely emptied and removed from the site by gas engineers before the area was declared safe.

Fire and rescue teams worked to make the gas tank safe



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Eynsham Hall, a 135-bedroom country house hotel and wedding venue, could be snapped up by overseas investors according to agents Christie & Co.

The building is being sold by current owner Richard Upton, co-founder of property firm Cathedral Group PLC, who has invested more than £3million in an extensive refurbishment program which includes 'luxury' bedrooms.

The property in Witney also includes a range of conference and meeting rooms as well as leisure facilities including a swimming pool, sauna,

Picture: Roger Templeman



tennis court and fitness studios.

Planning consent has also been granted for a significant development to add 80 guest bedrooms, purpose-built conference facilities with capacity of 250, as well as a new spa and swimming pool complex with direct access to the main Hall.

Don't text and drive warning

FAMILIES who lost loved ones are urging people to be aware of the devastation that using a mobile phone while driving can cause.

Thames Valley and Hampshire's Joint Roads Policing Unit carried out the week-long campaign with the aim of drawing attention to the risks of being distracted.

The two forces warn drivers are four times more likely to crash if they are using a mobile phone while driving, and twice as likely to be involved in a fatal collision texting as you are drink drinking.

Road Safety Sergeant Chris Appleby said: "A moments inattention

can be the difference between life and death. It's not worth the risk."

This comes as the families of two people who were killed on the M271 near Southampton made a plea for those who continue to text, surf the web, use apps and more, behind the wheel to stop.

Ion Calin and his friend and work colleague Marian Olteanu were killed instantly when a lorry ploughed into their stationary car in December 2015.

The lorry driver was distracted, using his mobile phone.

To watch the families' story, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ycradvoz>.

Liz running to save the rhino

Mum's five-day Kenya challenge

By Eva Astreinidou

AN Oxfordshire woman with a passion for rhinos will be running 140 miles over five days in honour of her favourite animal.

Liz Winton, from Watlington, will travel to Kenya in August to take on an epic ultra marathon through wildlife ranges for the charity Save the Rhino.

The mum-of-three is aiming to run just over 28 miles every day with 60 other runners in soaring heat while carrying equipment weighing up to 12kg.

Speaking about the challenge that kicks off on August 1, she said: "I am a bit of a softie when it comes to animals in general."

"I signed up to run the London Marathon for them when I didn't get a place in the ballot."

"The more I read about them, the more I love them. The poaching is disgusting and the charity could use all the help they can get."

She added: "Being able to get up every morning and do 30 miles per day will be tough."

"I love running and the animals en route and the camaraderie between all the runners will help."

The keen runner has completed 10 marathons and one 13-hour ultra-marathon before, raising a total of £12,000 for what she says is her charity 'for life'.

She has even taken on the London Marathon dressed in a rhino costume.

She said: "The charity educates people on poaching and if we can help local communities to become rangers and get decent salaries for it, then all the better. The rangers do such amazing work."

The runners will have rangers travelling alongside them, she said, adding: "We have been told to speak to the rangers, and make sure we know what to do if we get into a dangerous situation."

She jokingly added: "I think we will be ok - I mean I don't want to be eaten by a lion or anything."

Poaching still continues in many countries in Africa and Kenya has passed new legislation that can mean life sentences for convicted poachers.

Rhino horns now fetch more



Liz Winton in the rhino costume she ran the London Marathon in, the mum-of-three is off to Kenya in August

than gold on the black market, with countries such as China and Vietnam providing a ready demand for the poachers, where it is often used in 'medicines' or given as a gift.



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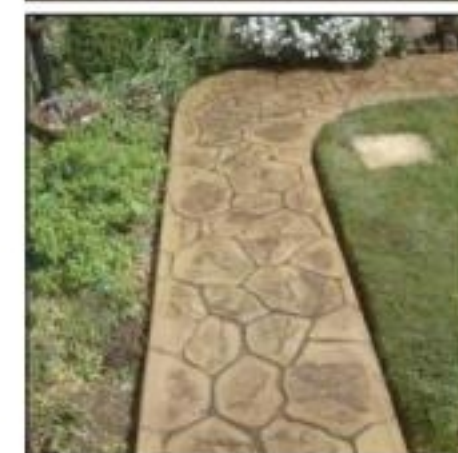
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Change in law is music to ears of campaigners

By Owen Hughes

AN Oxford MP who fought to save an iconic city centre nightclub is "delighted" parliament has backed a change in planning law to help protect music venues.

The change announced on Thursday last week requires developers to take account of any new schemes on pre-existing businesses such as music venues before proceeding with their plans.

Housing Secretary Sajid Javid, said that he has "always thought it unfair that the burden is on long-standing music venues" and was pleased to "have an opportunity to right this wrong".

Layla Moran, Liberal Democrat MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, supported the introduction of the 'agent of change' principle into the planning process after raising the case of Oxford's underground club The Cellar.

She said: "I am delighted that the Government have agreed to this change in the law that will give extra protections to much-loved music venues from threats from future developments."

"It follows a long, cross-party



Campaigners in Westminster supported the 'agent of change' bill backed by Oxford West and Abingdon MP Layla Moran

campaign in Parliament and huge support from bodies like UK Music and the Music Venue Trust.

"I'll be doing all I can in Parliament to see what more we can do to offer protections for grassroots music venues in the planning system."

Ms Moran agreed to co-sponsor legislation in the House of Commons on the issue earlier this month after being contacted by scores of residents worried about the threatened closure of The Cellar last year.

"In our case, The Cellar was under threat from being turned into storage or shopping space rather than new housing, so I want to see flexibility in these new planning rules to make sure all music venues have proper protection in our planning law," she said.

The Cellar's venue manager Tim Hopkins told this paper earlier this month that the support he received from local MPs was "incredible" and "we fully support this bill".

Jailed for child sex offences

A CHILD sex offender who was caught by a vigilante group has been jailed for four years and four months.

Joshua Dodd, pictured, of no fixed abode, was also made subject of a Sexual Harm Prevention Order for 10 years when he appeared at Oxford Crown Court on Friday last week.

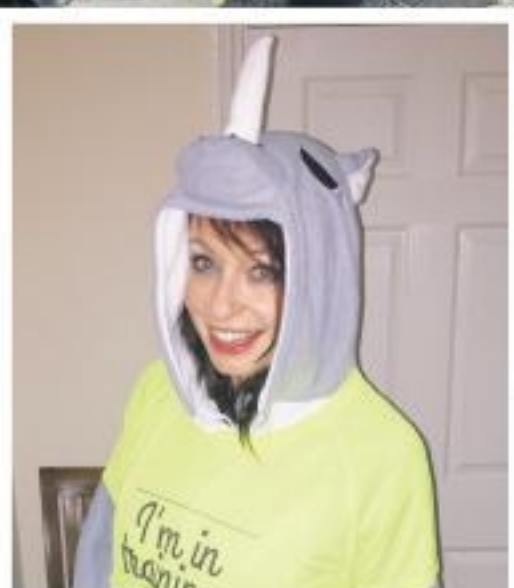


The 25-year-old pleaded guilty to causing/inciting a child to engage in penetrative sexual activity, attempting to cause or incite a child to engage in penetrative sexual activity, making indecent images and breaching a Sexual Offences Prevention Order.

Dodd was arrested on October 10 last year after attempting to incite a child to engage in sexual activity, not realising he was speaking to a vigilante group posing as a child.

Detective Constable Alice Ashby welcomed the outcome, saying: "Dodd poses a danger to young girls and I am pleased he will serve time in prison for his crimes."

She added: "The count of inciting a child to engage in penetrative sexual activity was a non-recent offence from 2011. As a result of Dodd's arrest being made public the victim came forward to report this offence to the police."



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Garden shop cycle-athon peddles cash for charity

AN 8ft wicker reindeer might not be everyone's ideal house guest but one raffle prize winner was delighted to welcome him.

Bruce Phillips of Woodstock won the seasonal sculpture as part of a garden shop's fundraising activities.

Friends and visitors were challenged to ride exercise bikes at the family-run Bunkers Hill Nursery throughout December to drum up the 2,800 miles it would take to get Santa to the North Pole.

Their efforts at the Kidlington store gathered an impressive £5,700 for Oxfordshire Mind and Restore in memory of 23-year-old Jack Leaning, who took his own life in March last year.

Andrew Leaning, Jack's father

and co-owner of Bunkers Hill Garden Shop, said: "Our family are delighted with the amount raised which will help others who suffer from illness to get the care they deserve.

"Just as importantly, this challenge was to raise awareness of mental illness and for friends and customers to come together to cycle and share their own experiences.

"We are so grateful for the love and kindness that was shared by all those who took part."

The challenge raised around £2 for every mile cycled, with volunteer peddler and tattoo artist Craig Measures notching up a total of 65 miles for the campaign.



Raffle prize winner Bruce Phillips proudly welcomed his 8ft reindeer to its new Woodstock home and left, Craig Measures, a tattooist at Evolution Tattoos in Kidlington, cycled 65 miles for the campaign

Garage knocked down to build M&S food store

DIGGERS have moved in as dismantling work at a former petrol station in Botley got under way last week.

The buildings and forecourt of the former BP Garage at the Seacourt Tower Retail Park will be torn down to make way for a Marks & Spencer food store and Costa Coffee.

The garage, which has served the community since the late 1980s, was closed in September, three months before Vale of White Horse District Council's planning committee approved plans for the new shops.

Its closure is part of the second phase of the project to redevelop the retail park.

North Hinksey Parish Council objected to the plan over fears the stores could be a threat to new businesses in the £100million West Way shopping redevelopment, which is now 20 months behind schedule.

Motorists now face pricey detours to fill up, with the nearest petrol station four miles away at Sainsbury's Heyford Hill store on the bypass.

A note put up on the BP garage door in August said: "We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers for their loyal support over the years."

Opening dates for Marks & Spencer and Costa Coffee are yet to be confirmed.

Minister to visit before decision on link route

By Eva Astreinidou

HUNDREDS of homes could be bulldozed to make way for the £3.5billion Oxford-Cambridge expressway route.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Layla Moran MP discussed her concerns over the plans and invited the Government's transport minister to visit Botley to speak to residents.

Transport Minister Jesse Norman has agreed to the visit, before a decision is made about which route to approve for the road, estimated to cost £3.5billion.

After the Commons discussion, the Oxford West and Abingdon MP said: "Local people are, understandably, deeply concerned about this proposal to bulldoze Botley to make way for a new road.

"The National Infrastructure Commission, Highways England and the Government's Department for Transport are examining the different route options for the Oxford-Cambridge expressway.

"It is vitally important that before any decisions or recommendations are made about which route to go for, they all know the full impact that the route through Botley would have.

"I look forward to welcoming the minister to our area to make sure he is fully aware of our concerns and the fact that - along with local people - I'll be fighting any plan to demolish homes in Botley to the bitter end."

The MP is not the only one to oppose the plan - in April, the Oxfordshire branch of CPRE, the Campaign to Protect Rural England, said that the scheme would damage surrounding

countryside.

The Government's National Infrastructure Commission has said it is looking at three routes for the proposed new expressway.

The commission has said that an Oxford to Cambridge Expressway has the potential to transform the area, linking the individual cities into one joined up economy.

Potential benefits to the region include greater job opportunities, reduced journey times and fewer traffic hotspots elsewhere on the network.

A Department for Transport spokesman said the work is at an early stage.

They added that the processes for designing roads include several opportunities for people to make sure their views heard - and this includes before any decision is made about the choice of route.

Student reprimanded over Stephen Hawking stunt

AN Oxford University student has been reported to a college dean for mimicking Professor Stephen Hawking.

The student dressed as the world-famous physicist with a costume that included an office chair with wheels attached.

He wore the costume for the

'Dress as your degree' themed party at Lady Margaret Hall (LMH) over the weekend.

But he was reported to the college dean following the stunt.

An LMH spokesman said: "Our Dean will be speaking to the student to express the College's disappointment and to ask him to

reflect on why his behaviour would be seen by many as offensive."

Oxford-born Professor Hawking started his studies at University College in 1959.

The 76-year-old physicist is paralysed from a slow progressing form of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).



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The Sleigh2Give appeal donated hundreds of presents from businesses

Fundraising

THE walls are decorated and jam-packed with information and pictures of fundraising events.

Along the long corridor that accommodates the families' rooms there is a fundraising tree on the wall in recognition of those who have raised money.

Fundraising manager Caroline Sinclair said: "It's a source of inspiration for families who are staying here, especially if they're here for a long time and walk past it every day. They tend to go home and decide they want to get their child's name on the wall."

On the tree are the more common fundraising activities such as marathons, as well as some of the more unorthodox such as a ploughing match.

Among those to raise cash for the house is our charity of the year

from last year, fundraising group Play2Give. Over the course of 10 years, the Didcot group helped raise £52,000 for the charity's fundraising appeal.

Last month lots of Christmas presents were donated by businesses, clubs and organisations, including P2G's Sleigh2Give Christmas toy appeal.

Fellow Didcot charity Secret Santa, run by 19-year-old Courtney Hughes, donated six sacksful of toys and presents for children to enjoy.

The current rooms are named after Oxfordshire locations, such as Ashmolean and Port Meadow, and the new rooms will be themed on Oxfordshire towns and villages as well as university colleges.

Approved by the city council in 2016, the charity said the new house will enable the facility to meet rising demand.

Building a house full of love for toughest times

Ronald McDonald House at Oxford Children's Hospital offers parents with youngsters in hospital the chance to be near them at difficult times. Work on a new larger centre is set to begin in the summer as George Welch found out



A bedroom at the house to build.

Deputy house manager Janet Price, who began working there as a housekeeper 10 years ago, can barely contain her excitement for the new facility to open. "I can't wait to move over to the new house. I think it's been on the cards since the house opened in 2007. It was highlighted then that we need more rooms. It feels so unreal things will be happening this year."

"It will just be nice to have space and be able to do more with the families."

Full capacity

RONALD McDonald House cares for around 600 families per year and the charity requires generous donations from individuals and organisations to meet the yearly £290,000 running costs.

The average stay for a family is nine or 10 days, with the longest visit being 15 months when a new born baby battled multiple medical issues.

The house is at capacity '99.9 per cent of the time' and on average has a waiting list of 10-15 families, meaning staff have to prioritise.

When we paid a visit to the house last week there were six families on the waiting list and, earlier in the week, there were 12 – but daily waiting lists will be a thing of the past when the charity moves into its new home.

For the families who are turned away, they are forced to sleep in cars or on hospital benches. In a particularly cold snap in November, staff allowed a young couple sleeping in their car, having to turn the engine on to stay warm, to kip on the sofa, even though they're not supposed to.

It is hard work for the small team of Janet and two house assistants (recruitment is under way to add another three staff members), but the team is expected to expand to more than a dozen after relocation.

Assistant Mark Roach, stayed in the house to look after his daughter who had medical complications nine years ago. The dad from Milton Keynes has now worked there for eight years.

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A WANTAGE couple staying at Ronald McDonald House for a second time praised the accommodation for helping them be close to their 14-month-old son as he underwent major surgery.

Tymek had surgery for bicoronal craniosynostosis – when the skull does not form properly causing the head to become an abnormal shape – in December but is back in hospital after suffering complications over the past couple of weeks.

Dad Wayne and mum Magdalena are being supported by the house for a second time in as many months. Magdalena said the main benefit was that one of them could be with Tymek all the time.

She said: "We're really grateful that we could stay in one of the rooms in the difficult time while our little boy had his operation."

"It was a very stressful and tiring time for us and being able to be together helped us to be strong for our boy – one



Being able to stay at Ronald McDonald House has been invaluable to Wayne and Magdalena while their son Tymek has been treated

of us was going to sleep while the other was with Tymek.

"It made our stay much easier and manageable and most importantly we never had to leave Tymek on his own."

"This wouldn't be possible if one of us had to keep driving back home each evening."

Wayne said that, while he appreciated they are fairly

local compared to many families at the hospital, the 40 minute drive back to Wantage would have been "unthinkable".

He added that he would rather have slept in the car or pitched a tent in the hospital grounds rather than leave his son after major surgery.

Tymek had successful corrective surgery on Monday.

Job satisfaction

THE new Oxford house, which will have more than three times as many rooms as at present, will be one of the biggest in the UK when it is built, alleviating many of the pressures on resources and staff.

And while it is heartbreaking for staff to turn families in need away, their passion for providing invaluable care for those they can support means kindness along the Ronald McDonald

House corridor is never in short supply – especially when dealing with the most heart-rending circumstances.

Janet said: "I absolutely love my job here. We have our very sad times when we do lose a child (which happened five or six times last year) – and it does affect you however long you've been here."

"It's nice to think that when I go home at the end of the day that, although I haven't been able to help everybody, I've done my best

to help families that need help.

"Even if a family can't have a room I've invited them in for a meal, a cup of tea or to watch some television."

Fundraising manager Caroline Sinclair added: "Our team will always try and help as much as we can. I might have a really rotten day but then there will be a mum [at the house] who says their little one's getting better and that makes you think 'that's why we're here'."

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Riding to box office records

A STAGE production of the internationally-acclaimed War Horse had Oxford chomping at the bit as it broke box office records recently.

The National Theatre's award-winning production of a boy and his horse during the First World War smashed records to become the biggest selling show ever at the New Theatre Oxford during its run between December 13 and January 6.

Lee Duffy, general manager of the New Theatre Oxford, said: "A total of 47,000 people came to see the show and we had a 92 per cent occupancy.

"We were thrilled in 2016 when we heard that War Horse would be coming to Oxford for Christmas 2017, and there was a real excitement around the show from the moment it was announced.

"The reaction to the production while it was here was overwhelming.

"Audiences loved seeing Joey and the rest of the cast here in Oxford, and we have received some fantastic feedback."

Jersey Boys, the true story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, will be the theatre's Christmas show this year.

South Africa's Handspring Puppet Company in action with the life-sized horse models



Days left to choose a charity for us

By George Welch

TIME is running out to submit nominations for the Oxfordshire Guardian and The Oxford Paper's Charity of the Year 2018.

Launched earlier this month, our appeal is welcoming recommendations from you, the readers, and our partners for an inspiring charity we should back for the year.

The deadline is in six days' time, on Wednesday, January 31.

We have received a fantastic response so far, with a plethora of worthy causes nominated already.

We are looking to publicise the work of a charity through the production of engaging material for our readers to

be featured on at least a monthly basis.

Choices can be based on anything; from personal experiences or friends' experiences, to liking the sound of the work they do or relevance to current issues across the county.

Group editor Karen Neville said: "We have already received a wide variety of entries from many different charities – some known and some that will be not so familiar to people, but we have been impressed by the level of response.

"There are so many worthy causes and our readers are clearly showing how much they care about their chosen cause.

"So if you would like a charity to be helped by us get your nomination in."

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Charity of the year 2018

People submitting nominations are reminded that we are offering free publicity through the papers for the winning charity to help raise their profile and that no financial aid is given.

Last year we supported Didcot-based Play2Give with its fundraising for the Oxford's Children's Hospital and Headway.

Founder Andy Baker said: "The partnership with the paper was for us hugely beneficial. It raised awareness for us even more and brought us to the eyes of people who hadn't heard of Play2Give, for which we were incredibly grateful."

To nominate a charity, email us at news@oxfordshireguardian.co.uk, putting Charity 2018 in the subject line with a brief reason for why you are nominating them.

The winner will be revealed next month but whether your cause is our chosen one to support or not each one will be featured in a separate article over the coming months ensuring that all receive some publicity for their work.

InBrief

Mayor's quiz night

THAME Mayor Cllr Tom Wyse is hosting a quiz night in aid of his charities, Thame and District Day Centre and the Red Kite Family Centre.

Team size should be between six and eight people, the cost is £5 per person, and the quiz starts at 7.30pm.

It takes place on Thursday, March 8, at Thame Football Club, with quiz masters Sue Boyle, Peter Lambert and Brian West.

There will be a money board and bar, but people can bring their own nibbles.

To book call 01844 260495 or email rosie.collins@thametowncouncil.gov.uk

Mental health help

SMALL changes to people's lifestyles can improve mental wellbeing.

That is the message that public health experts from Oxfordshire County Council and mental health charity MIND want to get across through a tea and talk day on February 1 at 2pm.

The event at the library in Westgate is aimed at connecting people and promoting discussion about mental wellbeing.

A case study video focusing on five steps to wellbeing will be shown.

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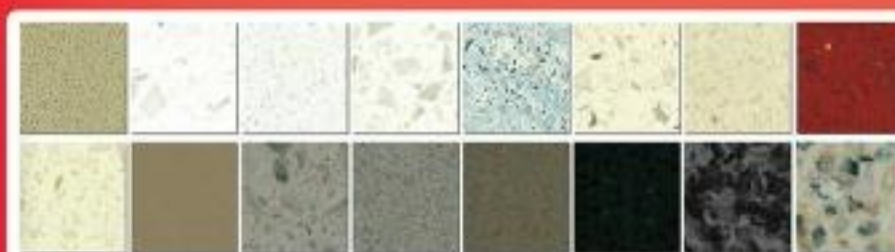
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Only Chiltern praised as passengers rate southern operators

By Owen Hughes

OXFORDSHIRE and southern train services are lagging behind their northern counterparts according to a recent survey.

Research conducted by consumer group Which? found that most train services in the southern region rank rock bottom of the satisfaction list,

with only Chiltern Railways bucking the trend in the survey asked both leisure travellers and commuters to rate the train companies.

Great Western Railway received a customer score of 42% in the survey of commuters, ranking 16th out of 21 services, faring only slightly better with a score of 51% from leisure rail users, placing it 18th of 23 services.

Southern (21%), South Eastern

(31%), Thameslink and Great Northern (32%), Greater Anglia (35%) and South West Trains (35%) were the only services ranked below Great Western by commuters.

Chiltern Railways, which serves Bicester Village and Oxford branch lines, featured in the top five of both categories receiving a score of 62% from commuters and 68% from leisure users.

Merseyrail, which operates in and around Liverpool, topped both lists scoring more than 70%.

Travellers rated the services by reported punctuality, reliability, seat availability, standing space, frequency and value for money.

More than 8,200 passengers travelling with UK operators took part in the survey between October and November last year.

Bassist leaves after 12 years

INDIE rock band Foals have announced their long-time bassist Walter Gervers is leaving the band after 12 years.

The Oxford-based band broke the news in a handwritten note posted on their official social media channels.

The statement said their "mate" Walter was leaving the line-up to "pursue a new life".

It added: "The parting has been so sad but we remain firm friends, he'll always be our brother, we love him and wish him well in his future endeavours.

"We had 12 amazing years touring together from a small postal van to the Pyramid Stage [at Glastonbury] and beyond.

"It's the end of a chapter but not the

end of the book.

"We want to thank him for all his time and energy and passion and we want to thank you for all your support from the early days and into the future."

Foals, formed 13 years ago, were named Best Act in the World at the Q Awards in 2012.

The five-piece shot to fame after playing gigs in Oxford, at venues such as the Cellar, which was recently saved from closure.

In their statement, the band, headed by lead singer Yannis Philippakis, also confirmed they are working on new music: "We are making new music and are working on the 5th LP it's gonna be the best yet. Keep those ears alive." [sic]



Foals performing in Argentina in 2013. Picture: Federickethow

InBrief

Step back in time

THE UK's biggest vintage fair will be back in Oxford this Saturday.

Shoppers looking for a stylish twist can enjoy Lou Lou's Vintage Fair at Oxford Town Hall from 12pm to 5pm.

Returning with its January sale special, the event will feature stalls with affordable vintage items including fashion, accessories, homeware and collectables.

There will also be a vintage tea party as well as a hair and beauty salon on site.

Admission is £2.50 for adults and free for children under 12 years old.

Got a story to tell?

TIME is running out for writers to submit their tales in the Oxfordshire Libraries short story competition.

Winners of the adult and young adult categories will be announced in April and have their work published as an eBook to borrow throughout the year.

Cultural Services Cabinet Member Lorraine Lindsay-Gale said the competition "could be an inspiring first step for new writers of all ages".

Deadline for submissions is February 25 at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortstorycompetition

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The survey confirms what some Audiologists have suspected for some time, that hearing aids are not only good for correcting hearing loss but in fact contribute to better and more active lives, better quality of life, and better overall health.

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Dancing into the swinging 60s

By Samantha McGregor

UNIVERSITY of Oxford student theatre company Halfwit Theatre is gearing up to bring its latest production to the Playhouse stage.

From Wednesday, January 31, to Saturday, February 3, Halfwit Theatre will perform the classic musical *Sweet Charity*.

Set in the glamorous world of New York in the swinging sixties, meet the glib and guileless dance hostess Charity Hope Valentine.

Dazzled by the bright lights of the Big Apple, and always giving her heart away to the wrong man, the quirky, eternally optimistic Charity must learn to find strength and happiness within herself.

Could shy tax accountant Oscar Lindquist be Mr Right, or is he just like the rest?

Packed with iconic musical numbers including *Big Spender*, *If My Friends Could See Me Now* and *The Rhythm of Life*, the audience will witness the company dance up a storm with Bob Fosse inspired choreography.

This production marks 30 years since the death of the legendary Fosse, who also directed the Broadway production.

Halfwit members pay their homage to the late director, pulling out all the stops, whisking audiences



from Central Park to dance clubs and hippie churches "with its bold and vivacious choreography".

The musical premiered on Broadway in 1966, and was nominated for nine Tony Awards - winning Best Direction of a Musical and Best Choreography.

The show also ran in London's

West End and has had a string of revivals over the past 40 plus years.

Three years after its original stage premiere, in 1969, *Sweet Charity* was adapted for screen, starring Shirley MacLaine as Charity, while John McMartin recreated his Broadway role as Oscar Lindquist.

Fosse also directed and choreographed the movie.

Tickets for *Sweet Charity* at Oxford Playhouse start at £10 and are available by calling 01865 305305 or online at oxfordplayhouse.com

The show is suitable for aged eight and over.

On stage

Heard all about it?

Jonathan Pie, the frustrated news reporter whose videos have been seen across the world, is setting out on a new tour.

Created by Tom Walker, he brings his brand new live show *Jonathan Pie: Back To The Studio* to Oxford's New Theatre on Wednesday, February 21.

For tickets call 0844 871 3020 or atgtickets.com/oxford

Hitting the last notes

Two Blokes and a Piano, also known as James Mitchell and Grahame O'Connor, have announced they are hanging up their vocal chords after 15 years.

They will perform a farewell concert at Grove Village Hall, Main Street, on Saturday, February 24, at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £8.50 and are available from Vale and Downland Museum on 01235 771447 or Brett's Chemists, in Grove, on 01235 763941.

Artist's barricades

Modern Art Oxford presents two major solo shows by Brazilian artist Cinthia Marcelle.

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National treasure's dream of stardom

By Samantha McGregor

A NEW musical based on the early life of singer and television personality Cilla Black is coming to Oxford next month.

Cilla – The Musical, a stage adaptation of the popular ITV mini-series by BAFTA award winner, Jeff Pope, comes to the New Theatre from Tuesday, February 13 until Saturday, February 17.

Kara Lily Hayworth plays the title role, while Andrew Lancel, of Coronation Street and Bad Girls, is Brian Epstein, and Carl Au plays Bobby.

Kara queued for four hours at London's Dominion Theatre to audition in the first rounds.

She made it through to the final 30 and did her final audition at Liverpool's Cavern Club.

Cilla's son Robert Willis, executive producer, said: "We wanted somebody who wasn't going to impersonate my mum but someone who could capture her spirit."

"Kara came in with her huge personality and amazing voice – when I saw the response of the audience at the Cavern, I knew we'd found her."

Kara said: "When I was 11 I was shopping with my mum and bumped into Cilla and asked her for an autograph."

"I told her I wanted to be an actress – she laughed and said 'It's



a tough industry, but if you really work hard and go for it, you'll be just fine."

"She was a huge inspiration to me as a child; I grew up watching her on Blind Date every Saturday night with my nan."

"To be chosen to play her is such

an honour and I'm so excited to take on the role."

Cilla The Musical tells the story of an ordinary girl from Liverpool whose teenage dream of stardom led her to become one of Britain's best-loved entertainers of all time.

It was an introduction by a young

John Lennon to music mogul Brian Epstein that changed Priscilla White's life forever.

By the age of just 25 she would be known as number-one selling singer and TV Star Cilla Black.

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Moshing on menu for The Night Café

TONIGHT Liverpool band The Night Café make a welcome return to Oxford when they perform at The Bullingdon.

Josh Higgins, Sean Martin, Carl Dillon and Arran O'Connell formed the band about four years ago and were initially called Bunkbed.

Fast forward to 2018 and The Night Café will be playing tracks from their new EP, due to be released soon.

Ahead of the gig Carl took time out to talk about their music and the upcoming tour.

He said: "We started off doing indie/pop songs, but we like to make whatever we can and not worry about what genre it falls into."

"It's going toward a darker edge now, a lot has happened in the last year for all of us, and it's definitely reflected in our newer material."

"The new EP is darker toned, we wanted it to have a lot of influences we've taken from the 90s style of music."

"There's lots of thrashy/grungier parts in the new EP and there is bits of Shoegazing in there too. It's a new style combined with everything we've done so far."

Looking forward to tonight's gig, Carl warned fans to expect "A lot of moshing ahaha, and to have a good time even if you aren't a mosher."

He said: "The last show we did was sold out in The Cellar and it was sick. We're excited for this gig."



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Out About

Sad songs well worth a listen

By Samantha McGregor

A VENUE that's not usually associated with live music is set to open its doors to The Sad Song Co next month.

The Sad Song Co, also known as Nigel Powell, a drummer with Frank Turner And The Sleeping Souls band, will perform at The Museum of Modern Art, Oxford on Saturday, February 17.

Tracks from new album *Worth* will get their first live performance as part of a countrywide tour.

Worth, which features guest spots from the likes of Frank Turner, Chris TT and Billy The Kid, with production contributions from Radiohead engineer Graeme Stewart and Grammy-winning Chris Kasych, is out on February 9.

Nigel, who also worked with Unbelievable Truth and Dive Dive, brings his latest set of intricate, emotionally potent songs to UK venues for two weeks during February.

Shows feature only Nigel with occasional help from long-term collaborator Jason Moulster.

Nigel said: "It's always interesting playing live because while I love producing records, this strips things down and gets to the heart of the songs."

"The new songs especially, have many layers and it's educational to peel them back and find what's



driving it all underneath.

"It's also terrifying. I play hundreds of gigs every year as a drummer – confident in my abilities – but put me up front and it's far more nerve-racking."

Personnel on the album include Jason Moulster, also of Unbelievable Truth on bass for four tracks, Ryan Robinson tackling the guitar solos Nigel wrote throughout the album, Chris T-T, who co-wrote the lyrics for *The Body Beautiful* and *Lonely Is A State of Mind*, Radiohead engineer Graeme Stewart looked after the

recording again, this time for only one day at Woodworm Studios, and Kasych, who has worked with Adele, Bruce Springsteen and Neil Young, mixed, with the rest done by Nigel at home.

During his work with Dive Dive, the band headlined at Wembley Arena, and the O2 Arena in London and performed at the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympics.

Tickets cost £6.50 in advance or £7.50 on the door.

For more information go to thesad-songco.com

Take a glamorous turn



CELEBRATING a decade of dance *Strictly Come Dancing* favourites Anton Du Beke and Erin Boag are hitting the road with their new show.

Called *Broadway to Hollywood*, the production comes to Oxford's New Theatre on Sunday, February 4, at 3pm.

Broadway to Hollywood is an afternoon of dance, music and song with the nation's favourite ballroom couple and vocalist Lance Ellington, six world-class ensemble dancers and the 25-piece London Concert Orchestra, conducted by Richard Balcombe.

With sensational choreography, sparkling costumes and a musical score which includes classics *Some-*

where in *Time*, *Cry Me a River*, *Mr Bojangles*, *Downtown*, *This Nearly Was Mine*, *New York, New York*, *Couple of Swells* and *Libertango*.

The show will also feature a question and answer section, giving the audience a chance to interact with the dancers.

Anton said: "It's show time again! Erin and I are delighted to be back with a brand-new production."

"This will be our 10th tour so we really hope you will be able to join us in celebrating a decade of dance."

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It's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than "celebrity make-over" as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quite a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

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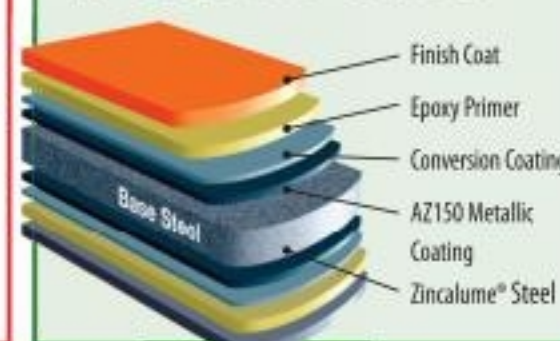
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Sat 17th Feb • £22.50 adv • 6.30pm

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Fri 16th March • £20 adv • 6.30pm

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Sun 8th Apr • £10 adv • 11pm

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Mon 16th Apr • £20 adv

Little Comets

Thu 19th Apr • £16.50 adv

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Thu 26th Apr • £14 adv

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Fri 27th Apr • £28.50 adv • 6.30pm

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Sat 28th Apr • £15 adv • 6.30pm

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Thu 3rd May • £16.50 adv

Lower Than Atlantis



Fri 4th May • £25 adv • 6.30pm

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+ Hugh Cornwell Band

Mon 7th May • £21 adv

The Bluetones

Fri 15th Jun • £16.50 adv • 6.30pm

Nick Heyward

Sat 22nd Sep • £15 adv • 6.30pm

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Patrick has been a care worker with Day and Nightcare Assistance for about two years. 'Before this,' he explains, 'I was looking for a change because I was in the food and catering business and I didn't always enjoy dealing with party-goers and people who'd had too much to drink. Then one day my partner suggested I think about working in social care. She said that because I was kind and liked to look after people and to do the right thing, it might be just right for me. And she was right!'

'You see, I like working with people and being there for them. I've always enjoyed meeting lots of different people in lots of different situations, talking to people from different walks of life and their families.'

'In this profession, the clients really look forward to my visits and I try to bring a smile to their day which they don't always have, and I help them in situations where they aren't able to help themselves. I just give them the support that I would want if I was in their situation and I enjoy being useful.'

'I work with quite a lot of different clients, and you do form attachments to them. The family of one gentleman who I had a real connection with said he'd ask for me in the morning because he enjoyed seeing me, and that felt good. It felt great making things right for him when I was there, and it felt great that his family were so grateful. We work as a team with a client's family if we can which helps me understand and communicate with the client as well as possible.'

'I've also spent lots of time with a lady who was often the last call of my day and so I could stop a little longer with her. She may have been pretty elderly but she was cheeky and had a real twinkle in her eye - we'd have a laugh and she said I made her feel young again! And sometimes I visit someone on their own who is having a bad day for some reason and me being there makes them feel alright again. That's a real achievement!'

Esther Lafferty, Day and Nightcare Assistance



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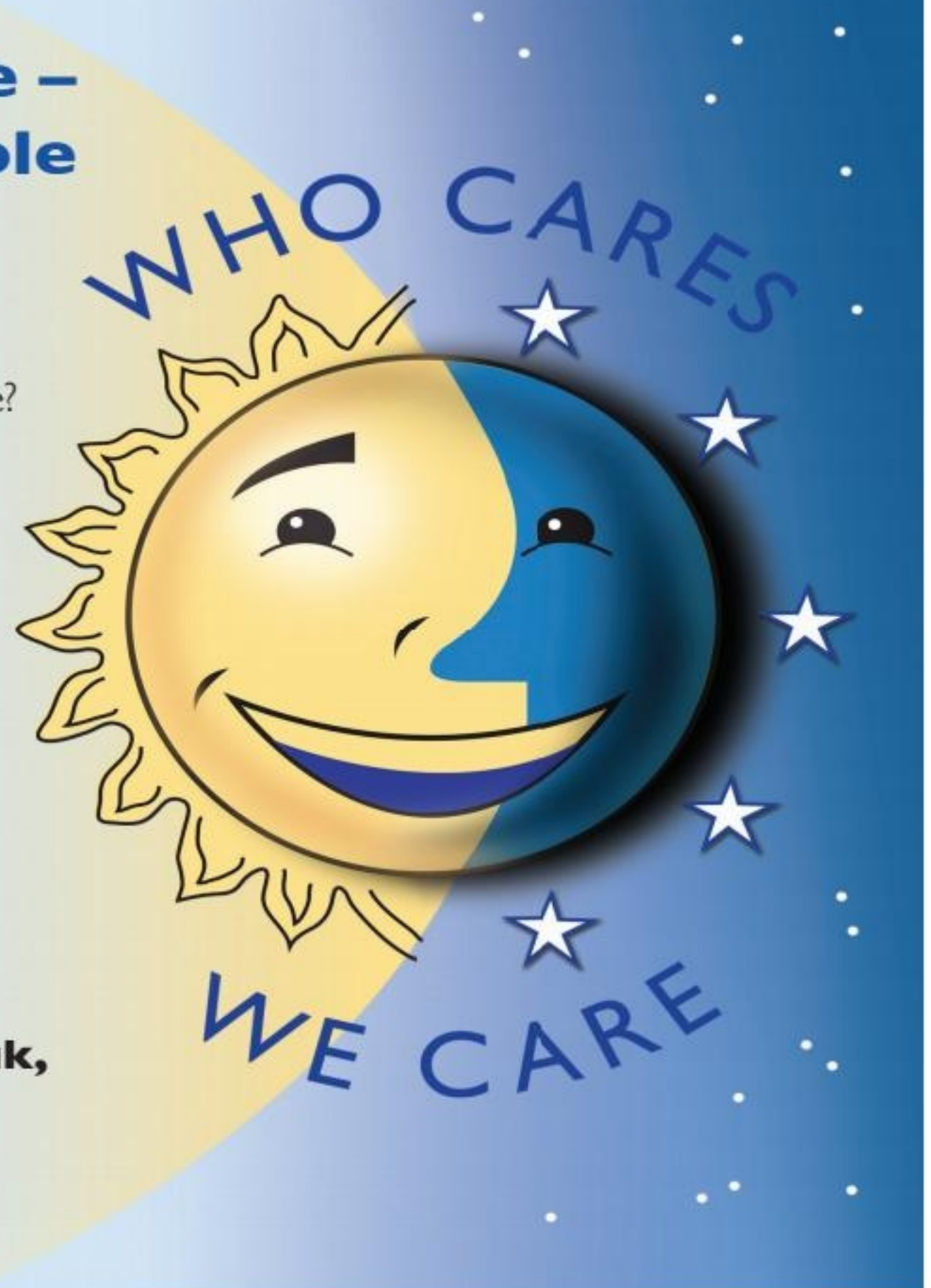
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Thursday January 25th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

2.15pm
Father Brown



9.15am Rip Off Britain
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under
11.45am A1: Britain's Longest Road

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Father Brown
3.00pm Escape to the Country
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm EastEnders
8.00pm Big Cats
9.00pm Death in Paradise
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.30pm Regional News and Weather
10.45pm Question Time
11.45pm This Week
12.30am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.35am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

6.30pm
Great American
Railroad Journeys



7.15am Antiques Road Trip
8.00am MasterChef: The Professionals
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

12.00pm The Daily Politics
1.00pm Bowls
5.00pm Tennis

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
7.00pm Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
8.00pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure
9.00pm A House Through Time
10.00pm The Mash Report
10.30pm Newsnight
11.15pm Stealing Van Gogh
12.15am Bowls
1.15am A House Through Time

ITV

3.00pm
Dickinson's
Real Deal



8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

12.30pm Loose Women
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.55pm ITV News London
2.00pm Judge Rinder
3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Bargain Holidays: What's the Truth? Tonight
8.00pm Emmerdale
8.30pm The Cruise
9.00pm Transformation Street
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.45pm Great Art
11.45pm Joanna Lumley's Postcards
12.10am Lethal Weapon
1.00am Jackpot247

Channel 4

8.00pm
George Clarke's
Amazing Spaces



7.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
7.35am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me
1.05pm Posh Pawn
2.10pm Countdown
3.00pm Village of the Year with Penelope Keith
4.00pm A Place in the Sun
5.00pm Four in a Bed
5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
8.00pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
9.00pm Hunted
10.00pm Derry Girls
10.30pm The Undateables
11.30pm The Super Orgasm
12.30am Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners
1.25am The Secret Life of the Zoo
2.20am The Supertvet
3.15am Location, Location, Location
4.10am Coast v Country

Channel 5

7.00pm The
Wonderful World
of Puppies



8.20am Rusty Rivets
8.35am Shimmer and Shine
8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.05am Mofy
9.15am The Wright Stuff
11.15am Cowboy Builders

12.10pm 5 News Lunchtime
12.15pm The Hotel Inspector
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm NCIS
3.15pm Driven Underground
5.00pm 5 News at 5
5.30pm Neighbours

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm The Wonderful World of Puppies
8.00pm Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.00pm Celebrity 100% Hotter
11.05pm Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
12.00am Super Casino
3.10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors
4.00am Britain's Greatest Bridges
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Wildlife SOS

Friday January 26th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

12.15pm
Bargain Hunt



9.15am Rip Off Britain
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under
11.45am A1: Britain's Longest Road

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Father Brown
3.00pm Escape to the Country
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm Match of the Day Live
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.25pm Regional News and Weather
10.35pm The Graham Norton Show
11.25pm Witless
11.50pm Hailmakers
12.10am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.15am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

8.00pm
Mastermind



7.15am Antiques Road Trip
8.00am MasterChef: The Professionals
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

12.00pm The Daily Politics
1.00pm Bowls
5.00pm Tennis

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
7.00pm Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
8.00pm Mastermind
8.30pm A Vicar's Life
9.00pm Monty Don's Paradise Gardens
10.00pm QI
10.30pm Newsnight
11.05pm Drive
12.40am Bowls
1.40am Panorama
2.10am Rome Unpacked

ITV

2.00pm
Judge Rinder



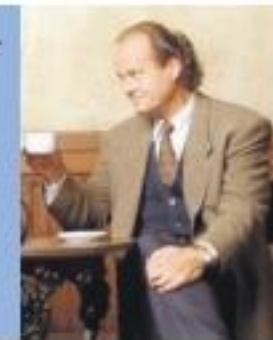
8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

12.30pm Loose Women
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.55pm ITV News London
2.00pm Judge Rinder
3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Coronation Street
8.00pm River Monsters
8.30pm Coronation Street
9.00pm Lethal Weapon
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.45pm Through the Keyhole
11.45pm Take Me Out
12.50am Jackpot247
3.00am Alphabetical
3.50am ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

8.30am Frasier



7.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
7.35am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11.00am Sun, Sea and Selling Houses

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me
1.05pm Posh Pawn
2.10pm Countdown
3.00pm Village of the Year with Penelope Keith
4.00pm A Place in the Sun
5.00pm Four in a Bed
5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
8.00pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
9.00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
10.00pm The Last Leg
11.05pm First Dates Hotel
12.10am Machete
2.00am Kiri
2.55am The Lie Detective
3.40am Location, Location, Location
4.35am Coast v Country

Channel 5

3.15pm
Amish Abduction



8.20am Rusty Rivets
8.35am Shimmer and Shine
8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.05am Mofy
9.15am The Wright Stuff
11.15am Cowboy Builders

12.10pm 5 News Lunchtime
12.15pm The Hotel Inspector
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm NCIS
3.15pm Amish Abduction
5.00pm 5 News at 5
5.30pm Neighbours

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm The Wine Show
8.00pm Costa Del Celebrity
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.00pm Will and Grace
10.30pm Celebrity Big Brother
11.05pm Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
12.00am Super Casino
3.10am Celebrity Big Brother
4.00am Celebrity Big Brother
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Wildlife SOS

Saturday January 27th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

9.30pm
Hard Sun

10.00am Saturday Kitchen Live
11.30am Mary Berry Everyday

12.00pm Football Focus
1.00pm BBC News
1.15pm Tennis
2.30pm Bowls
4.30pm Final Score
5.25pm BBC News
5.35pm Regional News and Weather
5.40pm And They're Off... for Sport Relief

6.25pm Pointless
7.15pm All Together Now
8.20pm Casualty
9.10pm BBC News
9.30pm Hard Sun
10.30pm Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights
12.00am The NFL Show
12.30am What Doesn't Kill You
2.05am Weather for the Week Ahead
2.10am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

1.30pm Diary
of Anne Frank

8.00am The Dengineers
8.30am Deadly Top 10
9.00am Robot Wars
10.00am Robot Wars
11.00am Snow Wolf Family and Me

12.00pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure
1.00pm A Vicar's Life
1.30pm Diary of Anne Frank
4.15pm Italy's Invisible Cities
5.15pm Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
5.45pm Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good

6.15pm Hugh's Wild West
7.15pm A House Through Time
8.15pm Dad's Army
8.45pm Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs
9.15pm QI XL
10.00pm Darcey Bussell's New Dance
10.30pm Birdman: Or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)
12.20am Bowls
1.20am Girl with a Pearl Earring
2.55am This is BBC Two
6.00am A to Z of TV Gardening
6.20am The Instant Gardener

ITV

10.45pm Jaws
4: The Revenge

8.30am Be Cool, Scooby-Doo
9.05am Wishart
9.25am ITV News
9.30am Saturday Morning with James Martin
11.25am The Hungry Sailors

12.25pm Countrywise
12.55pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.00pm Dancing on Ice
3.15pm Catchphrase
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm ITV News London
6.05pm ITV News
6.20pm You've Been Framed!
6.45pm Take Me Out
8.00pm The Voice UK
9.30pm Through the Keyhole
10.30pm ITV News
10.45pm Jaws 4: The Revenge
12.15am Jackpot247
3.00am Babushka
3.50am ITV Nightscreen
6.00am Sooty
6.10am Bottom Knocker Street
6.20am Bottom Knocker Street

Channel 4

10.00pm The
Monuments Men

7.05am King of Queens
8.00am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.55am Frasier
10.30am The Big Bang Theory
11.55am The Simpsons

12.25pm The Simpsons
1.25pm Come Dine with Me
2.25pm Coast v Country
3.25pm A Place in the Sun
4.30pm A Place in the Sun
5.30pm The Secret Life of the Zoo

6.30pm Channel 4 News
7.00pm Great Canal Journeys
8.00pm Village of the Year with Penelope Keith
9.00pm Holocaust: Night Will Fall
10.00pm The Monuments Men
12.20am Snake Eyes
2.00am The Last Leg
2.55am Hollyoaks Omnibus
5.10am Coast v Country
6.05am Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free
6.20am King of Queens
6.45am King of Queens

Channel 5

2.05pm
The A-Team

9.55am Peppa Pig
10.00am Peppa Pig
10.05am Olly the Little White Van
10.10am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10.45am Fail Army
11.10am Police Interceptors

12.05pm Police Interceptors
1.05pm The A-Team
2.05pm The A-Team
3.00pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
4.00pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
5.00pm Rich House, Poor House

6.00pm The Wonderful World of Puppies
7.00pm Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!
8.00pm Blind Date
8.55pm 5 News Weekend
9.05pm Football on 5
10.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
11.05pm The X Files
12.00am Britain's Greatest Bridges
12.10am Super Casino
3.10am Enemies Closer
4.30am Access
4.45am House Doctor

Sunday January 28th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

8.00pm Call
the Midwife

7.30am Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights
9.00am The Andrew Marr Show
10.00am The Big Questions
11.00am Sunday Politics
12.15pm Bargain Hunt

1.00pm BBC News
1.15pm Money for Nothing
2.00pm Songs of Praise
2.35pm Big Cats
3.35pm Match of the Day Live

6.05pm BBC News
6.20pm Regional News and Weather
6.30pm Countryfile
7.30pm Still Open All Hours
8.00pm Call the Midwife
9.00pm McMafia
10.00pm BBC News
10.20pm Regional News and Weather
10.30pm Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights
11.05pm The Women's Football Show
11.40pm Teenage Knife Wars
12.10am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.15am BBC News

BBC 2

6.00pm
Britain's Cycling
Superheroes: The
Price of Success?

7.05am Gardeners' World
7.35am Monty Don's Paradise Gardens
8.35am Countryfile
9.30am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
11.00am Food and Drink
11.30am Homes Under the Hammer

12.00pm Natural World
1.00pm Tennis
2.30pm Bowls
5.15pm Ski Sunday

6.00pm Britain's Cycling Superheroes: The Price of Success?
7.00pm Yellowstone
8.00pm Dragons' Den
9.00pm Chris Packham: In Search of the Lost Girl
10.00pm The Mash Report
10.30pm Insert Name Here
11.00pm Cleverman
11.55pm Norfolk
1.15am Question Time
2.15am Holby City
3.15am This is BBC Two
6.00am Flog it! Trade Secrets

ITV

2.10pm
You've Got Mail

9.05am Wishart
9.25am ITV News
9.30am River Monsters
10.00am Peston on Sunday
11.00am The Martin Lewis Money Show
11.30am The Voice UK

12.55pm ITV News
1.10pm Britain's Brightest Family
1.40pm The Cruise
2.10pm You've Got Mail
4.30pm ITV News London
4.40pm ITV News
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm Dancing on Ice
8.00pm Vera
10.00pm ITV News
10.15pm Peston on Sunday
11.10pm Next of Kin
12.05am Great Art
1.00am Jackpot247
3.00am Sunday Night at the Palladium
3.50am ITV Nightscreen
5.05am The Jeremy Kyle Show
6.00am Good Morning Britain

Channel 4

3.25pm
Garfield 2: A Tail
of Two Kitties

7.10am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.00am Frasier
8.30am Frasier
9.00am Frasier
9.30am Sunday Brunch

12.30pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
1.30pm Jamie's Quick and Easy Food
2.00pm The Simpsons
2.30pm The Simpsons
2.55pm The Simpsons
3.25pm Garfield 2: A Tail of Two Kitties
4.55pm How to Train Your Dragon
6.40pm Channel 4 News
7.00pm Posh Pawn

8.00pm The Biggest Little Railway in the World
9.00pm SAS: Who Dares Wins
10.00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
11.00pm Side Effects
1.00am Holocaust: Night Will Fall
1.55am The Supertvet
2.50am Coast v Country
3.45am KOTV Boxing Weekly
4.10am Coast v Country
5.05am Location, Location, Location
6.00am Countdown
6.45am 3rd Rock from the Sun

Channel 5

1.15pm Robin
Hood: Prince
of Thieves

9.00am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.15am Shimmer and Shine
9.30am Digby Dragon
9.45am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10.20am Football on 5
11.15am Police Interceptors

12.15pm Police Interceptors
1.15pm Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves
4.15pm A Cinderella Story
5.20pm 5 News
5.25pm A Cinderella Story

6.00pm Johnny English Reborn
8.00pm Billionaire Kids
8.55pm 5 News Weekend
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.05pm The Boy Next Door
11.35pm Fatal Trust
1.15am Super Casino
3.10am Celebrity 100% Hotter
4.00am Britain's Greatest Bridges
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am The Great Artists
5.35am HouseBusters
6.00am Puffin Rock
6.10am Poppy Cat

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Monday January 29th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

11.15pm
Miriam's Big
American
Adventure

9.15am Food: Truth or Scare
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under
11.45am AI: Britain's Longest Road

BBC 2

8.00pm
Only Connect

7.15am Antiques Road Trip
8.00am Antiques Roadshow
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

ITV

9.00pm
Next of Kin

8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

Channel 4

10.00pm First
Dates Hotel

7.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
7.35am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen
Nightmares USA
11.00am Undercover Boss USA

Channel 5

8.00pm Police
Interceptors

8.35am Shimmer and Shine
8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.05am Mofy
9.15am The Wright Stuff
11.15am Cowboy Builders
and Bodge Jobs

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Father Brown
3.00pm Escape to the Country
3.45pm The Farmers' Country
Showdown
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3.15pm A Life of Deception
5.00pm 5 News at 5
5.30pm Neighbours

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm Inside Out
8.00pm EastEnders
8.30pm Panorama
9.00pm Silent Witness
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.30pm Regional News and Weather
10.45pm Have I Got Old News for You
11.15pm Miriam's Big American
Adventure
12.15am The Graham Norton Show
1.05am Weather for the Week Ahead

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great American
Railroad Journeys
7.00pm Big Dreams Small Spaces
8.00pm Only Connect
8.30pm University Challenge
9.00pm Winterwatch 2018
10.00pm Two Doors Down
10.30pm Newsnight
11.15pm Odyssey
12.00am Odyssey
12.45am Countryfile
1.40am Big Cats
2.40am This is BBC Two

6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Coronation Street
8.00pm The Martin Lewis Money Show
8.30pm Coronation Street
9.00pm Next of Kin
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
8.00pm Only Connect
11.45pm An Hour to Catch a Killer
with Trevor McDonald
12.35am Jackpot247
3.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
8.00pm How to Lose Weight Well
9.00pm The Undateables
10.00pm First Dates Hotel
11.05pm Derry Girls
11.40pm Hunted
12.35am SAS: Who Dares Wins
1.30am Ramsay's Kitchen
Nightmares USA
2.20am The Lie Detective
3.05am Cabins in the Wild with
Dick Strawbridge

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm Rugby on 5: Anglo-
Welsh Cup Highlights
8.00pm Police Interceptors
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.00pm Extraordinary People
11.05pm Celebrity Big Brother's
Bit on the Side
12.05am The Town
2.10am Super Casino
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own dedicated Free Park & Ride service during School Holiday weekdays.

The park also has a stylish mezzanine Café which allows parents to grab a barista style coffee and great food while they sit and watch their youngsters bounce around – most in the hope their kids will be tired out and they can have a quiet evening. Some parents even book an extra hour to make sure!

But the bouncing isn't restricted to the young. In fact, people of all ages also have a go. 41-year-old father of 2, Russell, said "I loved

every minute and so did the kids. It's great fun. I'm definitely coming back and I might not bring the kids next time" he joked – or did he?

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TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1

8.00pm
Holby City

9.15am Food: Truth or Scare
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under
11.45am AI: Britain's Longest Road

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Father Brown
3.00pm Escape to the Country
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm EastEnders
8.00pm Holby City
9.00pm Silent Witness
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.30pm Regional News and Weather
10.45pm Love and Hate Crime
11.45pm Stacey Dooley Investigates
12.45am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.50am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

10.00pm
Inside No 9

7.15am Food: Truth or Scare
8.00am Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

12.00pm The Daily Politics
1.00pm Monty Halls' Great Escape
2.00pm Sahara with Michael Palin
3.00pm A Place to Call Home
3.45pm This Wild Life
4.15pm The Hunt
5.15pm Flog It!

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
7.00pm Big Dreams Small Spaces
8.00pm Winterwatch 2018
9.00pm Murdered for Love? Samia Shahid
10.00pm Inside No 9
10.30pm Newsnight
11.15pm Chris Packham: In Search of the Lost Girl
12.15am The Coronation
1.15am Miriam's Big American Adventure

ITV

4.00pm
Tipping Point

8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

12.30pm Loose Women
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
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4.00pm Tipping Point
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6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Britain's Favourite Walks: Top 100
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.45pm Girlfriends
11.45pm Transformation Street
12.35am Jackpot247
3.00am Loose Women
3.50am ITV Nightscreen
5.05am The Jeremy Kyle Show
6.00am Good Morning Britain

Channel 4

9.00pm 24
Hours in A and E

7.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
7.35am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
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12.00pm Channel 4 News
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6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
8.00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo
9.00pm 24 Hours in A and E
10.00pm Can You Rebuild My Brain?
11.00pm Before We Die
12.15am Britain's Weirdest Council Houses
1.10am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
2.00am Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners
2.55am The Secrets of Sleep
3.50am Craft It Yourself

Channel 5

12.15pm The
Hotel Inspector

8.35am Shimmer and Shine
8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.05am Mofy
9.15am The Wright Stuff
11.15am Cowboy Builders and Bodge Jobs

12.10pm 5 News Lunchtime
12.15pm The Hotel Inspector
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm Nc1s: Deadly Assassins
3.15pm The Wrong Nanny
5.00pm 5 News at 5
5.30pm Neighbours

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm World Rally Championship 2018
8.00pm Inside the Old Bailey
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.35pm One Night with My Ex
11.35pm Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
12.35am Celebrity Big Brother
1.00am Super Casino
3.10am GPs: Behind Closed Doors
4.00am Britain's Greatest Bridges
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am The Great Artists

Wednesday January 31st

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

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5.15pm Pointless

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
8.00pm The Truth About Getting Fit
9.00pm Wonders of the Moon
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.30pm Regional News and Weather
10.45pm Match of the Day
12.25am And They're Off... for Sport Relief
1.05am Weather for the Week Ahead
1.10am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

6.30pm
Great American
Railroad Journeys

7.15am Food: Truth or Scare
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8.30am Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
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5.15pm Flog It!

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
7.00pm Big Dreams Small Spaces
8.00pm Winterwatch 2018
9.00pm The New-Builds are Coming: Battle in the Countryside
10.00pm Mock the Week
10.30pm Newsnight
11.15pm House of Saud: A Family at War
12.15am Surgeons: At the Edge of Life
1.15am The Ronnie Barker Comedy Lecture with Ben Elton
1.55am This is BBC Two

ITV

7.00pm
Emmerdale

8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

12.30pm Loose Women
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8.00pm Britain's Brightest Family
8.30pm Coronation Street
9.00pm Girlfriends
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.45pm Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow
11.45pm Holiday Horrors: Caught on Camera
12.40am Jackpot247

Channel 4

5.00pm
Four in a Bed

7.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
7.35am Everybody Loves Raymond
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6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
8.00pm Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it
9.00pm Kiri
10.00pm 999: What's Your Emergency?
11.00pm 24 Hours in A and E
12.05am Pokerstars Championship Cash Challenge
1.00am The Supertv
1.55am Win Win
3.40am Coast v Country
4.35am Location, Location, Location
5.30am Draw it!

Channel 5

11.15am
Cowboy Builders
and Bodge Jobs

8.35am Shimmer and Shine
8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.05am Mofy
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1.45pm Neighbours
2.20pm Nc1s: Deadly Assassins
3.20pm The Stranger Inside
5.00pm 5 News at 5
5.30pm Neighbours

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm Police Interceptors
8.00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
9.00pm Celebrity Big Brother
10.00pm Murder in Paradise
11.05pm The Murder of Rhys Jones
12.05am When Kids Kill
1.00am Super Casino
3.10am Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
4.00am Britain's Greatest Bridges
4.45am House Doctor
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Oxford Property Market and Hammond's Budget Promise to Build 300,000 more homes

Bill Cooper, co-author of *The Oxford Property Blog* and managing director of Martin and Co, Oxford



I miss the good old days of George Osborne as Chancellor, with his hardhat and hi-vis jacket. He must have visited every new home building site in the UK with his trademark attire! For the last few years, the nearest Philip Hammond got to donning a 'Bob the Builder' outfit was at his grandchild's birthday party. However, with what appears to be a change in focus by the Tories, they appear to have fallen in love with house building again with the Chancellor's promise to create 300,000 new households in a year.

Nationally, the number of new homes created has topped 217,344 over the last year, the highest since the financial crash of 2007/8. Looking closer to home: in total there were 320 'net additional dwellings' in the last 12 months in the Oxford

City Council area, a respectable increase of 113% on the 2010 figure! Evidence of a prolonged period of under-investment.

The figures show that 66% of this additional housing was new build properties. In total, there were 211 new dwellings built over the last year in Oxford. In addition, there were 43 additional dwellings created from converting commercial or office buildings into residential property and a further 81 dwellings were added as a result of converting houses into flats.

While these all added to the total housing stock in the Oxford area, there were 15 demolitions to take

into account.

I was encouraged to see some of the new households in the Oxford area had come from a change of use. The planning laws were changed a few years back so that, in certain circumstances, owners of properties didn't need planning permission to change office space into residential use.

With the scarcity of building land available locally (or the builders being very slow to build on what they have, for fear of flooding the market), it was pleasing to see the number of developers that had redeveloped vacant office space into residential homes in the local council area. Converting offices and shops to residential use will be vital in helping to solve the Oxford housing crisis especially, as you can see on the graph, that the level of building has hardly been spectacular over the last seven years!

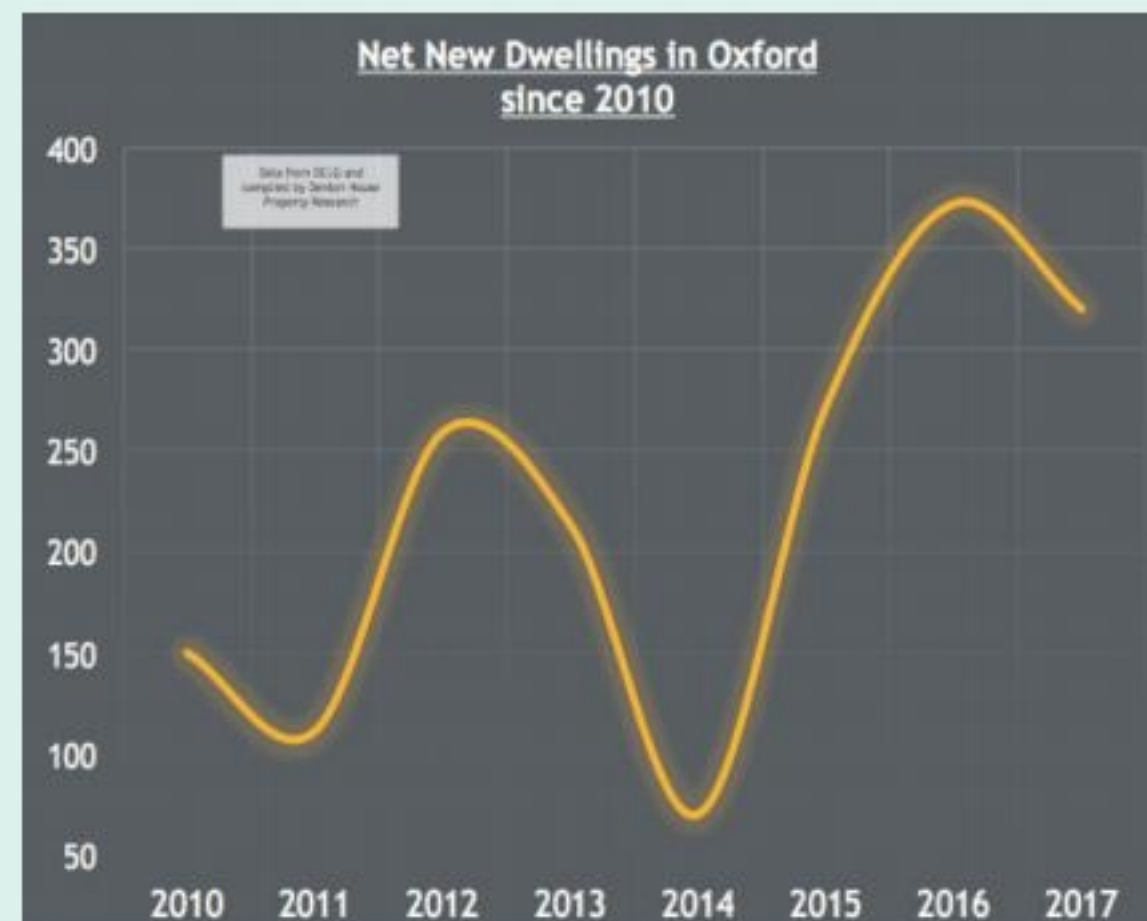
Now we have had the autumn budget, Theresa May and Philip Hammond have set out their stall with housing as their key focus,

including more funding for the supply side and an injection of urgency into the planning system.

The biggest question is, just where are the Government going to build all these new houses? Whilst the apparent new focus on the housing market by the Government

is good news for all homeowners and buy to let landlords, in the short term, demand still outstrips supply for owner-occupied and private rented homes and that will mean continued upward pressures on prices for buyers and on rents for tenants.

Net additional dwellings in Oxford in the last 12 months				
New build	Conversions	Change of use	Demolitions	Net Additions
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Make the right decision with 5-star car

By **Tony Yates**

WHEN you start looking around for a new car, you will probably spend around 10-20 hours of your life searching on the internet for all the reviews on what's hot to buy and what's not.

And it doesn't stop there either, as your friends will probably tell you that their car is the best ever and you should go out straight away and buy the same.

Well, I'm here to tell you that you need to ignore everything your friends tell you and probably what I tell you too. So, let me explain in simple terms why I believe this to be true.

You buy a car based on the look, feel and more importantly the cost. Of course, the salesman will tell you everything you want to know about the car in question, but none of that matters in the end.

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The Mazda3 comes with a range of engines available - which means you have a choice between both the 165PS petrol engine and the 120PS petrol engine (which was fitted to my test car). Both of these SKYACTIV-G petrol engines deliver excellent fuel economy and performance. Or, if diesel is your thing, then there is the equally impressive SKYACTIV-D diesel range available such as a 105PS or 150PS.

The 120PS petrol engine managed 55.4mpg on the combined cycle; whilst 0 to 62 arrived in around 8.9 sec. Flat out the Mazda3 will reach a top speed of 121 mph, plus a max torque figure of 210Nm. On the road, the engine feels willing and more than powerful enough to keep even the keenest driver happy. The 6-speed gearbox is also light and slick, which actually helps you progress quickly with minimal fuss.

On the road

I like the way the Mazda3 handles and also how well balanced it feels.



Plus, when the road gets twisty, it's more than capable of holding its own into the corners. The steering also feels light and agile - and you get enormous feedback from the front wheels as to what the road surface is doing underneath you. It's no exaggeration

for me to say that I think the Mazda3 has a lot of manufacturers a little bit worried right about now.

Safety & technology

Some of the standard features on

the Mazda3 Sport Nav include; 18" alloy wheels, Adaptive Front-lighting System, Premium Bose® Center-point® surround-sound system with nine speakers, digital speedometer, LED headlights with LED daytime running lights, LED signature rear lights, Colour Active Driving Display, front parking sensors, reversing camera and smart keyless entry.

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To be honest, there is so much on offer with the Mazda3, that it's hard to find any faults at all. Which is probably why I didn't find any.

To Sum Up

Overall the Mazda3 offers an engaging drive with its responsive and economical engine, excellent handling, and impressive ride quality. A well-deserved 5-stars for Mazda.

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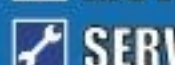


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The winners celebrate their success at Oxfordshire Sports Awards on Friday
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County's sports stars honoured

By George Welch

Sports awards

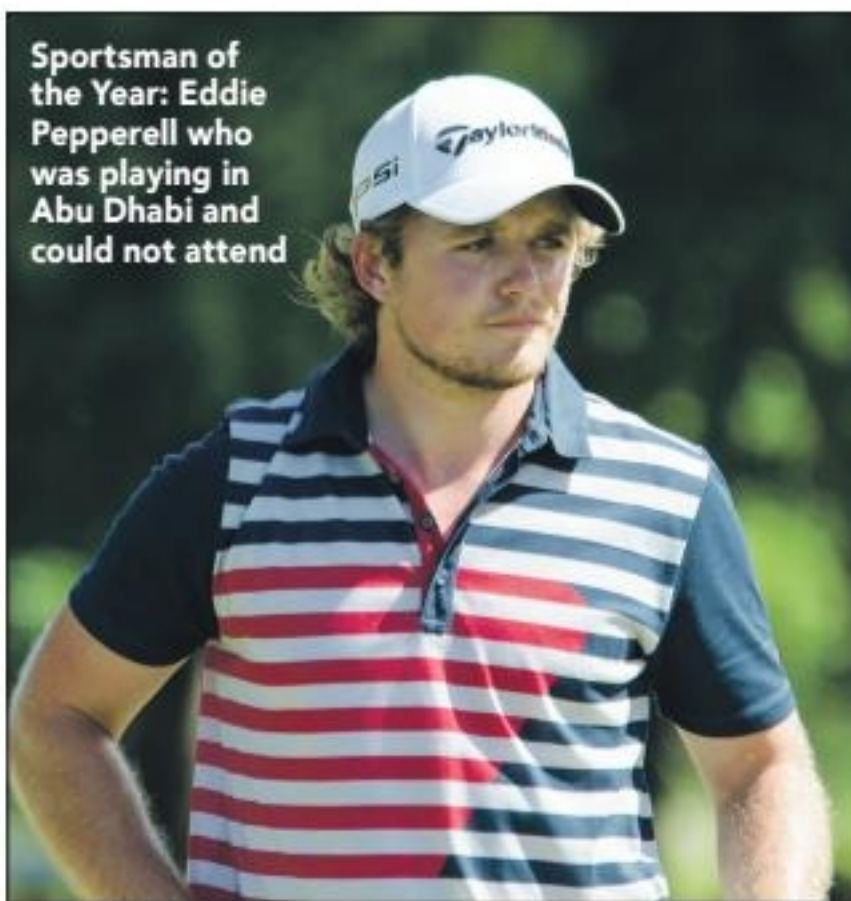
EDDIE Pepperell and Kirsty Miller were crowned king and queen of the county's sports scene after claiming top honours at Friday's Oxfordshire Sports Awards.

Golfer Pepperell and taekwon-do ace Miller secured the sportsman and sportswoman of the year accolades at the Kassam Stadium.

Pepperell, playing in a tournament in the Middle East at the time of the awards, took to Twitter to respond to his award.

He said: "Thank you. Sorry I couldn't be at the awards. Genuinely surprised to have won this. Maybe one day I'll win the national award."

Sportsman of the Year: Eddie Pepperell who was playing in Abu Dhabi and could not attend



Sportswoman of the Year: Kirsty Miller



Unsung Hero: Gordon Taylor



Disability award: Jack Cummings



Junior sportswoman of the year: Enya Dale



Young volunteer of the year: Lois MacDonald

Sportsman of year

Winner: Eddie Pepperell (golf). Runners-up: Josh Griffin (rugby league), Luke Southwood (football)

Sportswoman of year

Winner: Kirsty Miller (taekwon-do). Runners-up: Gemma Bridge (athletics), Cara Gainer (golf)

Club of year

Winner: Abingdon Gymnastics. Runners-up: Banbury Blues Netball, Radley Athletics

Team of year

Winner: Oxford Brookes University men's 1st VIII (rowing). Runners-up: Aston Rowant 1st XI (cricket), Oxfordshire 1st XV (rugby union)

Coach of year

Winner: Paul Hogben (hockey). Runners-up: Siobhan Tierney (judo), Katie Wales (football)

Disability award

Winner: Jack Cummings (swimming). Runners-up: Dreaming Spires Ten Pin Bowling, Molly Ripley (football)

Junior sportsman of year

Winner: Ben Goodall (gymnastics). Runners-up: William Jeffrey (cycle speedway), Ethan Rose (badminton)

Junior sportswoman of year

Winner: Enya Dale (canoeing). Runners-up: Rowena Hearn (hockey), Elizabeth Ireland (nordic skiing)

Junior team of year

Winner: Oxford Academy Under 14 (football). Runners-up: Clanfield Under 18 (football), Team Matrix (netball)

Sporting primary school

Winner: Batt, Witney. Runners-up: Bladon, Sunningwell

Sporting secondary school

Winner: Blessed George Napier. Runners-up: Cherwell, King Alfred's Academy

Unsung hero

Winner: Gordon Taylor (cricket). Runners-up: John Dykes (hockey), Joanna Kelly (netball)

Young volunteer of year

Winner: Lois MacDonald (netball). Runners-up: Oliver Cartwright (squash), Bea Curtis (football)

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Stars tame Wildcats to notch up another win

Ice Hockey

AS far as bitter derby day battles go, this one was rather tame.

Oxford City Stars nearly made double figures as the league leaders made exceptionally light work of arch rivals Swindon Wildcats 2 on Saturday.

Kenny Redmond's side didn't exactly have to put in the performance of the season as the title chasers eased to a 9-2 win in Wiltshire.

Theo Bundock (7 minutes) and Jake Florey (16) gave the away side a

two-goal advantage in the first period – and the Stars refused to look back.

Michael Whillock made it 3-0 a minute after the restart before Swindon finally responded through Haydn Lee (32).

Any hopes of a Wildcats comeback were immediately dashed however as Joshua Oliver scored a minute later and Whillock (39) found the net for his brace and a 5-1 lead.

The Stars were embarrassing their hosts as Conor Redmond (44) and Kamil Kinkor (48) added their names to the scoresheet.

Florey also celebrated his brace

on 53 minutes, 20 seconds before Adam Coakley pulled a goal back for Swindon.

But Oxford had the last say as Joe Edwards made it 9-2 less than a minute later.

The win put an extra two points between them and their closest rivals Bracknell Hornets, who were without a fixture.

That means the Stars remain top of South2, four points ahead of Bracknell having played three games more.

Oxford look to make it a hat-trick of wins when they host Chelmsford Chieftains at Oxpens Road on Sunday.

Double bogey costs Eddie in desert

Golf

A DOUBLE bogey on the final hole cost Eddie Pepperell a four-day tournament at the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship.

The Frilford Heath member, named as Oxfordshire's sportsman of the year on Friday, needed to card two-under par or better from the opening rounds to make the weekend in the United Arab Emirates.

Starting round two on the 10th tee, birdies on the 12th, 13th and second holes put Pepperell in an encouraging position on three-under par heading

into the final six holes.

Another birdie and two bogeys followed, leaving the Abingdon man on two-under par – enough to survive the cut – heading into the final hole.

However, Pepperell took six shots to sink the par four ninth.

It is the first time he has failed to make the third round of a tournament since October.

Fellow Englishman Tommy Fleetwood won carding 22-under par.

Pepperell tees off at the Dubai Desert Classic, also in the United Arab Emirates, from the 10th tee at 4.50am GMT time (8.50am local time) today.

Sport

City rocked by harsh scoreline

By George Welch

Oxford City

A SPIRITED second half performance was not enough for Oxford City as they fell to a 4-1 defeat away at East Thurrock United on Saturday, a result that was harsh on the visitors.

City found themselves 2-0 down in a quarter of an hour as Calvin Ekpeta found the net from close range twice.

The Hoops rallied for the remainder of the half but were unable to reduce the arrears, Christian Oxlade-Chamberlain going closest for the away side.

Oxford were back in the game just after the hour when Zac McEachran found top scorer Matt Paterson, who cut across goal before powerfully curling into the far corner.

Substitute Ezra Forde wasted the match's defining moment 10 minutes later when, put through by Paterson, he failed to beat Lukas Lidakevicius in the Rocks goal.

Sam Higgins extinguished any hopes of a City comeback with an expertly taken 30-yard free kick on 86 minutes.

The scoring was complete barely two minutes later when Montel Agyemang slotted under Craig King to complete City's misery.

"4-1 certainly flatters East Thurrock. It wasn't a true reflection of the game," Jones said.

"When you get off to a poor start like we did it's always going to be difficult for us.

"I said to the lads at half that, if we are going to lose, let's go down fighting on the front foot.

"To be fair I thought our attitudes were excellent. In the second half we were pushing and had some great moments and it was a great goal from Matt Paterson.

"Even John Coventry [East Thurrock manager] said 'you didn't deserve that'."

Jones added: "I'm not going to be too down on the boys. I was a lot more encouraged with the performance than I was against Whitehawk.

"If we continue with that type of attitude and togetherness we will be okay. We are very much together and the lads are working hard."

City, who slipped to 18th and have lost their last three matches, host Bath City at Court Place Farm on Saturday.



Oxford City top scorer Matt Paterson, pictured earlier this month, pulled a goal back for the Hoops. Picture: Michael Allen

Show your support for high-flying Railwaymen

Evo Stik round-up

ON-FIRE Didcot Town are calling on the town to get behind their promotion bid.

The Railwaymen produced another outstanding display to defeat fellow high-flyers Bristol Manor Farm 2-0 at the Loop Meadow on Saturday.

Goals from Sam Elkins and George Jeacock saw Diddy go fourth as Andy Ballard's men extended their unbeaten run to eight matches, a run that consists of four wins and six clean sheets.

The club has battled off-field difficulties over the last year as financial pressures threatened the south Oxfordshire side's future.

And despite Didcot's successful season attendances have not improved

and the club are appealing to the town to get behind them.

More than 5,000 fans travelled to Tottenham's White Hart Lane to see their FA Vase triumph in 2005. A club record 2,707 watched Diddy take on Exeter City in an historic FA Cup first round tie in 2015.

Vice chairman Paul Chalk called on the community to get behind the promotion contenders.

He said: "We all remember the heady days of the FA Trophy final, well Town once again requires you to don the red and white and get behind your local team. Enthusiasm and support may just be the push we need."

The average attendance at the Loop Meadow is 135, with numbers decreasing consistently since 2009.

Press officer Joffy Chinnock said:

"The team are riding high and I call for residents to come out and support your local football.

"Andy and his management team have built a young side of local players who try to play some good attacking football which is a pleasure to watch."

Didcot travel to table-toppers Taunton Town on Saturday before their next home league game against Swindon Supermarine on February 2.

All five matches involving Kidlington, North Leigh and Thame United this week were postponed.

Saturday sees Kidlington (12th) travel to AFC Totton (5th), North Leigh (17th) visit Bideford (8th) while, in the East division, Thame (12th) host Aylesbury (18th) before another home game against Hartley Wintney (8th) on Tuesday.



George Jeacock celebrates scoring
Picture: Roger Neal

Nash nabs contract extension

Banbury United

MIDFIELDER George Nash has signed a contract extension at Banbury United until May 2019.

The 25-year-old joined the Puritans in October 2015 from Worcester City, having previously played for Corsham Town, Loughborough University and Chippenham Park.

He has been a regular in the United side since joining the club and has made 128 appearances, scoring six goals.

Nash said extending his current deal was a "no brainer".

He said: "I had been speaking to the gaffer about it for a few weeks so it's good it's all done now.

"I love playing here, it's a great club and I'm really enjoying my football. I'm absolutely delighted."

Back on the pitch and Banbury's league match at home to Basingstoke Town on Saturday was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

The fixture has been rearranged to February 6.

Nash said the postponement was frustrating but that the players had an hour and a half of training instead.

"Everyone has their pre-match routines psychologically and physically so it's disruptive when all that [the postponement] goes on," he added.

"I didn't realise how bad the pitch was until we got out there - it was definitely the right decision."

United will be hoping for better weather when they travel to third-placed Hereford on Saturday. They then travel to fellow north Oxfordshire side Easington Sports in the Oxfordshire Senior Cup on Tuesday.



George Nash signs his new contract with chairman Phil Lines, left, and secretary Barry Worsley, right

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'Players will learn from defeats as well as victories'

Hellenic round-up

ABINGDON United boss Steve Alman insists there is a bright future ahead for his players, despite being hammered 5-0 at home to Bracknell Town on Saturday.

The Vale side caused one of the upsets of the season by beating runaway leaders Highworth Town 4-2 last Wednesday.

The remarkable result ended a four match winless streak - but they were back to losing ways at the weekend.

First half goals from TJ Bohane (17 minutes) and Seb Bowerman (35) gave the visitors a 2-0 lead at half time. Joe Gator (69), Bohane (75) and Joe Grant 85 added three more after the break.

But Alman remained upbeat, pointing to the win over Highworth as evidence of what United can do.

He said: "The midweek win against the league leaders shows Abingdon can compete, but youthfulness will always demonstrate an inconsistency because they are learning and developing. There is no doubting, those players time, will come [sic]."

On Saturday Abingdon (14th) travel to Binfield (6th) and Wantage Town, whose game at Tuffley Rovers was postponed, host Highmoor Ibis (19th).

Oxford City Nomads were knocked out of the Bluefin Sport Challenge Cup after a 4-1 loss at Moreton Rangers on Saturday.

They are next in action when they host Ascot United on February 3.

Building up confidence key after Chelsea defeat

By George Welch

Chelsea Academy 3

Harvey St Clair 9, Daishawn Redan 16, Juan Castillo 64

Oxford United 0

THERE will be no Wembley trip this year for managerless Oxford United, who were well beaten 3-0 by Chelsea's academy side in the Checkatrade Trophy quarter-final on Tuesday.

United were only two wins from returning to the home of football for the third successive year but the Chelsea youngsters – the first academy side to reach the semi-finals – were too good at Stamford Bridge.

The game was over almost as soon as it started as the Londoners raced to a 2-0 lead.

Harvey St Clair tapped home a rebound on nine minutes before Daishawn Redan's 15-yard effort seven minutes later helped the Blues swagger to a decisive lead.

Oxford opted for a change of system with Derek Fazackerly, in temporary charge 'until further notice', electing for a 5-3-2 formation, although it didn't have much of an impact until the second half.

The Yellows emerged from the changing rooms at half time with far more purpose, and Isaac Buckley-Ricketts went closest to halving the deficit.

The Manchester City loanee's 18-yarder hit Marcin Bulka's right-



Isaac Buckley-Ricketts, tackled by Trevor Chalobah, came closest to pulling one back for Oxford United. All Oxford pictures: Steve Daniels

hand post, hit the goalkeeper on the back of the head and bounced clear.

Ryan Ledson and Josh Ruffels both flashed efforts at the Polish stopper's goal but the sucker punch was landed at the other end of the pitch just after the hour.

Juan Castillo put the game to bed when he evaded an Aaron Martin challenge to fire a classy, curling finish into the far corner from the edge of the area.

"We are disappointed with the result. We had periods of possession but we didn't work the goalkeeper enough," Faz said after taking control

of the U's for the first time since Pep Clotet's sacking.

"We lacked competitiveness when we were defending. Collectively we have got to do better."

He added: "We will work to build up the confidence in the players and from there we will go into the next league game [at Charlton Athletic on February 3]."

Chelsea's kids, whose shirt numbers tallied up to 625 (compared to Oxford's 199), go into today's semi-final draw knowing they will face Lincoln City, Shrewsbury Town or the winners of Yeovil Town v Fleetwood Town.



James Henry gives United the lead, but in vain as Bury scored late twice

U's left in a sticky situation after Bunn's match winner

CONCEDING two goals in the final 10 minutes proved too much for the Oxford United board, who sacked manager Pep Clotet after the U's surrendered a winning position to lose 2-1 at home to basement side Bury.

A James Henry goal looked to be sending United towards a third successive home win on Saturday, but subs George Miller and Harry Bunn had other ideas and turned the game around for the Shakers.

Henry converted full back Dwight Tiendalli's low cross at the far post on the stroke of half time after Peter Clarke had threatened at the other end, heading a Chris Maguire corner against the post.

The U's rarely looked like adding to the lead but looked reasonably comfortable defensively.

That was until Bury, who hadn't scored in 12 hours of football, scored

Oxford United 1

James Henry 45

Bury 2

George Miller 81, Harry Munn 84

Attendance: 6,475 (191 away)

twice in three second half minutes.

Miller, who re-joined the Greater Manchester side on loan on Friday, began the fightback when he poked a flicked long throw into the back of the net on 81 minutes.

And the turnaround was complete moments later when fellow sub Bunn had collected a long ball and slotted past United stopper Simon Eastwood, ending Bury's eight match losing streak and putting Clotet out of a job.

Raglan: 'We need to regroup after tough week'

OXFORD United defender Charlie Raglan is treating the 3-0 Cup defeat to Chelsea as a "learning curve" after making his first appearance of the season in Tuesday's defeat at Stamford Bridge.

The 24-year-old made his loan spell at the U's permanent in June last year but has been restricted by injuries since joining from Chesterfield.

Temporary manager Derek Fazackerly reverted to a back three for the away clash with Chelsea U21s in the Checkatrade Trophy, allowing Raglan to get on the pitch for the first time in six months.

Raglan said: "It was a nice game to come into, unfortunately the

result doesn't reflect that, but for me personally I managed to play a football match and wear the yellow shirt again.

"Isaac [Buckley-Ricketts] hit the post, Josh Ruffels had a good shot that was saved, and they were our best opportunities as we really put the pressure on them.

"It was a difficult night, a difficult learning curve.

"We had a big change this week at the football club and we have to regroup quickly and concentrate now on getting ourselves right."

Raglan's next opportunity could come in nine days' time as Oxford return to league action against Charlton Athletic at the Valley.



Charlie Raglan made his first appearance against Chelsea

Roberts 'may have played last game for U's'

OXFORD United striker James Roberts will remain on loan at Guiseley until the end of the season.

The 21-year-old forward has scored three goals in five starts since joining the National League side in December and last week agreed an extension to the loan until May.

Roberts has scored in his last two appearances for the Lions, finding the back of the net in their defeats against Eastleigh and AFC Fylde.

With Roberts heading into the last few months of his contract at the Kassam, it could mean he's played his last game for the U's.

The most recent of his three substitute appearances for United this season came in the 1-0 win at Bristol Rovers in October.

While speculation over the future of goalkeeper Simon Eastwood has cooled, reports surfaced last week that the U's rebuffed a £1m bid from

Championship side Preston North End for midfielder Ryan Ledson.

■ United's League One game at Wigan Athletic will be rearranged after Wigan progressed in the FA Cup last week.

That game will be played on the weekend of January 27, meaning United's trip to the DW Stadium, scheduled for that weekend, will be moved to a new, as yet unconfirmed, date.

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5	Bradford City	29	3	48
6	Rotherham United	29	12	47
7	Charlton Athletic	28	4	46
8	Peterborough United	29	9	43
9	Portsmouth	28	2	42
10	Oxford United	29	1	38
11	Doncaster Rovers	29	1	37
12	Gillingham	28	1	37
13	Fleetwood Town	28	-4	36
14	Bristol Rovers	28	-5	36
15	Plymouth Argyle	29	-7	35
16	Walsall	27	-4	33
17	Blackpool	29	-6	33
18	Northampton Town	29	-22	32
19	AFC Wimbledon	27	-7	31
20	Southend United	28	-15	31
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Clotet sacked after pep talk fails to take U's up the table

By George Welch

WHEN Pep Clotet was appointed as Oxford United manager last summer chairman Darryl Eales exclaimed proudly that the U's were 'fortunate' to have landed the 'progressive' Spaniard.

But, as they say, football is a funny old game.

Clotet's tenure in the U's hot seat – best described as inconsistent – lasted only 205 days and 36 games, culminating with back-to-back defeats to strugglers Walsall and Bury.

The League One club announced the 40-year-old's sacking in a statement on Monday, two days after United threw away a 1-0 lead against rock bottom Bury in the final 10 minutes.

The club said the board took the decision 'in the best interests' of Oxford United, adding that it wants to maintain the side's promotion ambitions.

Although the wave of discontent against the Clotet regime picked up pace following several below par performances, his dismissal came as a surprise for many.

From the outside looking in, Oxford United sitting 10th in the third tier is no reason to pull the panic cord.

It could also be key to point out that United were 17th in League Two, three points above the relegation zone, at the same stage of Michael Appleton's first campaign.

But Eales used his programme notes earlier this month to announce a return to a previous recruitment strategy before Clotet arrived. Signs of disruption behind the scenes were already there.

Clotet had an uphill battle to replace key players – tricky winger Marvin Johnson, captain John Lund-



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stram, towering defender Chey Dunkley and top scorer Chris Maguire all departed – but his transfer record raised eyebrows. Utilising his foreign contacts, he looked abroad as he tried to scramble a team together.

But as time progressed it transpired that the new contingent of older and foreign players – eight of 11 permanent summer signings were 31 years old or older and/or brought in

from abroad – were simply not up to the demands of League One football.

With Eales making a point of reversing transfer strategy, the context of Clotet's wheeling and dealing could have proven crucial – the average age of Clotet's summer signings was 28.7, compared to Appleton's 24.3 the previous year.

Some of the football played at the start of the season was breathtaking.

Top of the table in August and in the play-offs in October, things began glowingly.

But when United were bad, they were *really* bad and Clotet, who allegedly shushed fans on Saturday, will be remembered for a club record 7-0 home defeat to Wigan last month.

In the end what was perceived as a lack of progression cost the affable Spaniard his job.



No U's return for Appleton

FORMER Oxford manager Michael Appleton has moved quickly to rule himself out of a sensational return to the club where he spent three years.

Speaking on Sky Sports's The Debate show on Tuesday, the Leicester City assistant boss said: "I think I made it clear when I left Oxford eight months or so ago.

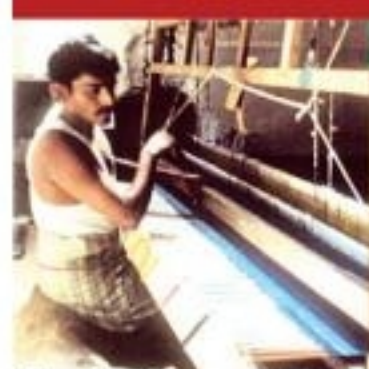
"I had been given the opportunity to work in the Premier League which is difficult to get these days as a young English coach.

"I had three fantastic years there, had great support from all the players I had with me at the time.

"The staff are fantastic, the fans were fantastic with me and I had a good relationship with the chairman and owner Darryl Eales. I am sure that will continue.

"Never say never in the future, but at this moment in time I am in a really good place."

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